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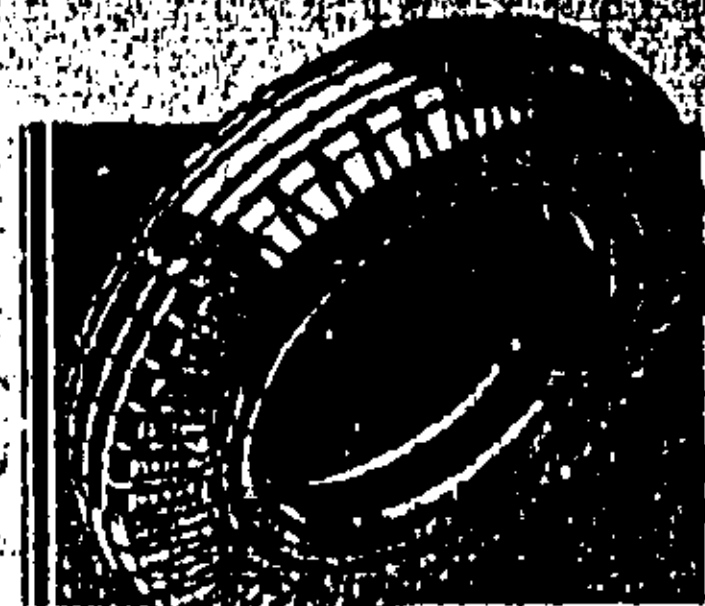
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Delicate Situation In Czecho-Slovakia

Prague, Mar. 22.
The German Agrarian League is merging with the Sudeten Party, thus making the largest part in the Czecho-Slovakian Chamber, giving the combined party 49 Deputies.

The Sudeten Party has been frankly threatening. In speeches in the Chamber its members have pointed to the events in Austria and hinted at similar developments in Czecho-Slovakia.—United Press.

No Commitment Likely

London, Mar. 22.
It is reliably stated that Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement on foreign policy, expected Thursday, will sidestep the question of Czecho-Slovakian independence.

It is understood the Cabinet has decided that Mr. Chamberlain shall reiterate Britain's vital general interest in Central Europe, without making any commitment to Czecho-Slovakia.

He is likely to mention Czecho-Slovakia only briefly in order not to embarrass that country by throwing into the limelight its Sudeten problems.—United Press.

Abrogating Treaty

Rome, Mar. 22.
Trustworthy sources indicate that Italy intends to abrogate the special preferential tariffs Austria enjoyed under the Rome Protocol, including the use of Trieste as a free port. Germany, it is said, has been notified. It is assumed Italy will later permit Germany to use Trieste as a free port in exchange for concessions. Hungary can continue to use Trieste as a free port.—United Press.

Curfew In Kovno

Kovno, Mar. 22.
The military commander here has issued regulations, motivated by the "seriousness of the situation which requires absolute quiet."
The regulations are equivalent to a state of siege, and impose a 9 p.m. curfew, and fines and imprisonment for violations of the regulations.—United Press.

LAY PLANS FOR OCEAN AIRWAYS

Representatives Of Four Nations At Dublin Parley

Dublin, Mar. 22.
An International Air Services conference is being held in Dublin in which trans-Atlantic services are being discussed.

Representatives from Britain, the United States, Canada and Elze, as well as representatives of the Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways, are present at the conference, where the question of the carriage of mails and the setting up of wireless and meteorological stations in the countries concerned, are being decided.—Reuter Bulletin.

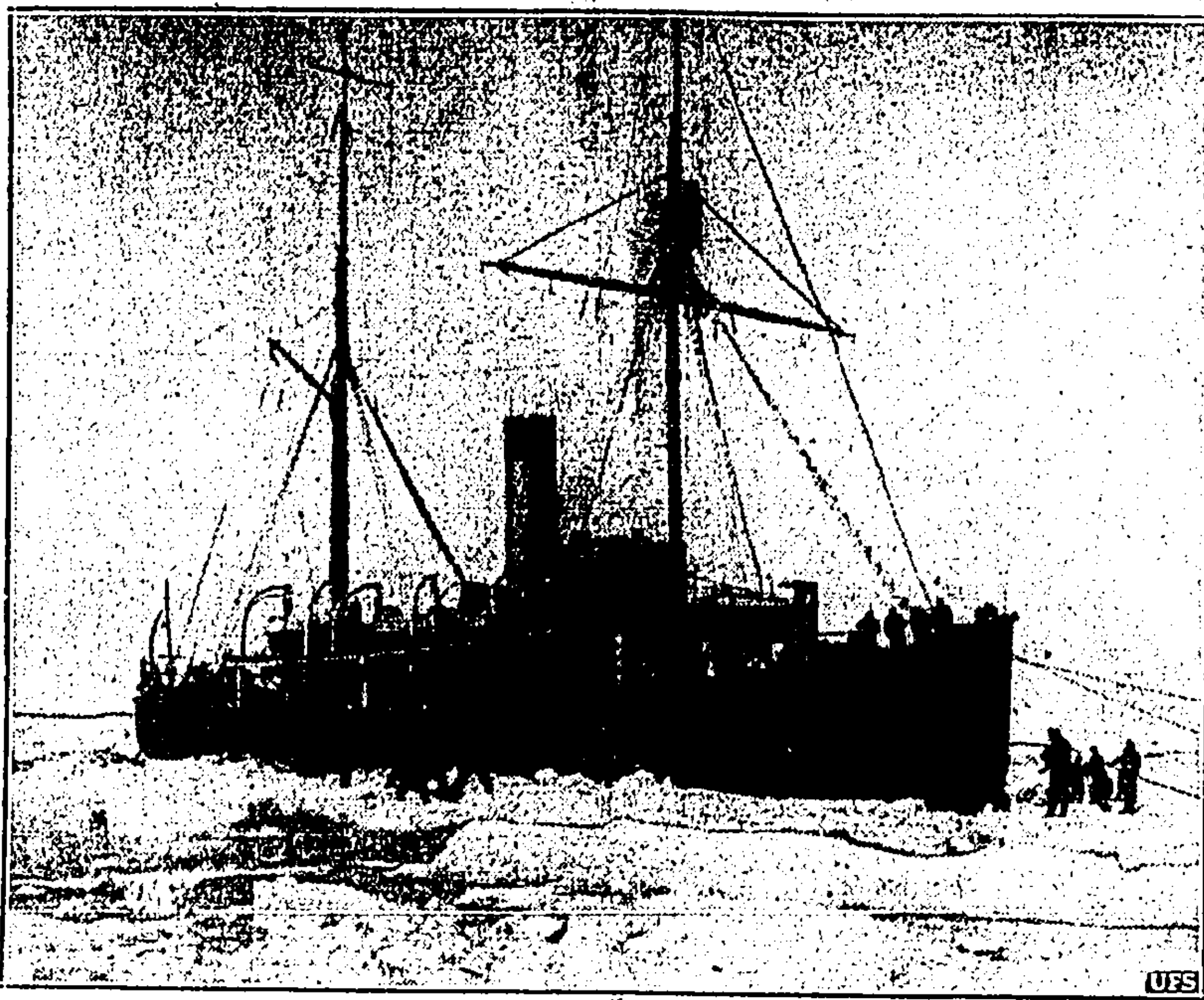
FRENCH CABINET BORROWS HEAVILY

Paris, Mar. 22.
The French Cabinet to-day approved of two finance bills under which the Bank of France advances \$50,000,000, the Treasury receiving \$21,000,000. It is believed the remainder will be allocated to the recently established autonomous defence funds.

The bills are only temporary measures, and the Government is expected to make a wider scope.

Shanghai Nervousness Continues Acute

SHE RESCUED POLAR PARTY



RESCUE SHIP SLOWED BY GALE—Soviet ice breaker Taimyr, steaming westward to rescue the Russian scientists adrift on an ice floe 50 miles off the Greenland coast, hove into the teeth of an Arctic gale that shook her so desperately she had to reduce speed because of excessive rolling. The Taimyr was 650 miles east of the floe when the scientists wirelessly for help. She has since picked them up and conveyed them to safety.

REFUGEES' ASYLUM IN BRITAIN LIMITED

Door Not Open To All Emigrants
Dominions To Be Consulted

London, Mar. 22.
The plight of Austrian refugees being refused admittance to Britain at the ports, was the subject of a statement by the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, in the House of Commons to-day. He said that while doubtless there was a general desire to maintain the traditional policy in Britain of offering an asylum to persons who, for political, racial and religious reasons had to leave their own country, there were on the other hand, obvious objections to any policy which would aggravate unemployment, housing and other social problems.

While it was, therefore, proposed to pursue a policy of offering an asylum as far as was practicable, it was essential to avoid creating the impression that the door was open to all kinds of immigration. He did not think any ground existed for altering the naturalisation law.

"Anyhow," he added, "no alteration to the naturalisation law could be made without consultations with the Dominions. The provisions of the law relating to British nationality operate not only in the United Kingdom, but the colonies and dominions, and it is a settled policy that substantial changes shall be made in the naturalisation laws except in agreement with the self-governing dominions."

SYMPATHY ASSURED

Sympathetic consideration would be generally given in respect to applications to stay in Britain beyond the limited period already granted.

A number of questions followed this announcement, to which Sir Samuel Hoare replied. He said whether a particular individual might practice a profession here was a question that the Government was prepared to give sympathetic consideration to all individual cases. (Continued on Page 12.)

CHINESE VICTORIES IN SHANTUNG NOW GET CONFIRMATION

Hankow, Mar. 23.

Foreign press messages from southern Shantung have confirmed reports that the Chinese troops recaptured Lincheng on Monday morning, and Shan-chuang in the afternoon. However, Japanese mechanised strength is concentrating attacks along the Tientsin-Pukow railway on the Shantung-Kiangsu border, placing Chinese retention of the two recaptured towns in peril.

Yih-sien, 30 miles east of Lincheng, is said to have been the scene of very severe warfare during the past 48 hours, with 3,000 Japanese infantry, 40 tanks, 20 heavy artillery pieces, and 1,000 cavalrymen participating.

Chinese military reports state that Linyi in south-east Shantung and Chihshiang in south-west Shantung, 15 miles west of Taining, are still the scenes of the bloodiest struggles.

Japanese reinforcements from Weihsien and Taining areas reached the Linyi front on Sunday, and are now engaging Chinese troops a short distance north of Linyi. The battles have been continuous since Sunday. Chinese circles are very optimistic, and express the opinion that although the Japanese troops may succeed in pushing along the Tientsin-Pukow railway, their flanks will be left weak.

The latest military reports from Linyi state that Japanese attackers withdrew from their original positions after two days of incessant and heavy fighting, including many hand-to-hand encounters. The Linyi front is at present quiet.—United Press.

Chinese Launch Counter-Attack

Huachow, Mar. 23.

The general counter-offensive on the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, started by the Chinese forces under orders of the Chinese highest military command yesterday is progressing apace. Unconfirmed reports state that Tiao-chwang was captured by the Chinese. Fighting of the most severe nature (Continued on Page 12.)

JAPANESE NOW DENY INTERPRETER SLAIN BY MOTOR MARKSMAN

Bomb Flung at British-Owned Newspaper Office

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

In connection with the incident yesterday evening in which the occupants of a motor car were first reported to have opened fire on a group of Japanese killing one, the Japanese Embassy has issued a statement announcing that the dead Japanese was an interpreter in the Japanese Gendarmerie. It adds that he was walking down a street in Hongkew with two companions, when he shot himself.

An investigation is now proceeding to discover whether the death was suicidal or accidental.

At the same time entrances to the Settlement have been re-opened, barricades removed, and the majority of troops withdrawn, though a small extra police force was left on duty for the night.

The reason how the discrepancy between the Japanese Embassy and the police statements arose has not yet been probed. In effect it is immaterial. The main fact which emerges is the acute nervousness in which Japanese and foreigners are living in Shanghai.

Second Incident

A second incident in the Settlement occurred slightly before midnight, when the office of the Chinese vernacular newspaper, the Standard, owned by Mr. H.M. Cumine, a Briton, was bombed for the third time in recent weeks.

Unidentified occupants of a motor car alight in front of the office, disarmed the Chinese watchman on duty and re-entered the car from which they tossed a bomb and drove off.

The watchman and a passer-by were injured and taken to the hospital, while one other Chinese was slightly injured.

No arrests have as yet been made. The plate glass window of the front office was shattered.—Reuter.

Irish Sweep Draw Nears Conclusion

Dublin, Mar. 22.

The drawing of 50 cash prizes of £230 8s. each, started to-day's proceedings in the Irish Sweepstakes draw in Dublin, after which 1,000 prizes of £100 were drawn throughout the day.—International Press Bureau.

SURPLUS IN BRITAIN'S EXCHEQUER

Revenue Well Above Expenditure

London, Mar. 22.
A healthy financial position is disclosed in the official returns showing a current exchequer surplus of £11,598,000, compared with a deficit of £15,656,000 this time last year.

Revenue to date amounts to £839,788,000 and expenditure £828,189,000.—Reuter.

Workers Of Mexico Back Cardenas' Coup

Mexico City, Mar. 22.

It is announced that workers throughout the nation will stop work for several hours to-morrow to demonstrate their support of President Cardenas' expropriation of the foreign-owned oil industry.

In view of the stoppage of the electric power service, newspapers have arranged to publish early.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the American Smelting and Refining Company is near to finding a solution to the difficulties of its 10,000 employees.—United Press.

DENIAL OF JUSTICE

Huasteca, Mar. 22.

Six petroleum companies, including the Standard Vacuum, the Gulf, the Mexican, Sinclair and Penn.

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Record Flight At Perilous Ocean Stage

Clouston And Ricketts Hop From Darwin

Port Darwin, Mar. 22.

Flying Officer Clouston and Mr. Victor Ricketts took off for South-baya at 7.12 a.m. local time, on the most dangerous leg of their flight back to England from New Zealand.

The aviators are attempting to establish a new record for the flight from England to New Zealand and back. They have already succeeded in setting a new record for the flight from England to New Zealand.

There are now some 100,000 people in the world who are waiting to hear of their return.

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Haifa, Mar. 22.

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The police are now searching for the attackers.

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Insurgents On New Drive Near Huesca

City Practically Surrounded By Loyalists Still

Saragossa, Mar. 22.

The new insurgent drive has begun near Huesca, which for many months has been almost surrounded by Government forces.—Reuter Bulletin.

STRIKE ON 20-MILE FRONT

Aragon, Mar. 22.

Three hours of intense artillery fire and aviation bombardment preceded the insurgent attack at 5.30 p.m. to-day north-west of Huesca, on a 20-mile front.

The attack broke the Loyalist lines in several places, and the insurgents effected gain of several miles from Fenola towards Llerda.—United Press.

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Hats have flat crowns



Shallow boaters, plates, double-brimmed sailors, Bretons and tambourines succeed winter's high-peaked styles, says Fashion Editor

Paris.

MILLINERS have done the low-down on the new hats—some of them are as flat as pancakes. Low crowns and wide brims are replacing the high-crowned models of the last few months. And brims are often rolled and sometimes a couple of inches deep, as in the Suzy model, numbered 1, pictured above.

Here's what Suzy says about her new collection, and, as Suzy is the Duchess of Kent's favourite milliner, you may be sure that what she says "goes."

"Our line is entirely changed: very flat crowns, quite a new style... many canotiers and Bretons."

Suzy's new Breton in the picture is made of half grosgrain and half paillasson—there's prophesied a tremendous vogue for the two-material hat, and also for two colours schemes.

ERIK, who is the latest addition to the little colony of Paris milliners and dress designers in London (he opened his London showrooms a few weeks ago), has also got many sailors and Bretons among his new models.

Number Six is his version of the sailor, in fine panama straw, secured with an Hawaiian bandana of mixed flowers.

Many of this hat-man's models have wide ribbon scarves, or wreaths of flowers or little straw bands fitting round the back of the head to hold the hat in place. Everything this season is in the angle at which you wear your hat. It may be tilted over



your nose or over an ear, or in brim at the back, and veils are often accentuated by diminishing the brim at the back. For dressy occasions Reboux presents a model in black paillasson, trimmed with a rosette in coloured ribbon.

A visit to Mexico inspired No. 4, called "Bouton d'Or," made in coarse plaited straw in the deep butter shade that Erik has adopted as his own this season, with a bandeau of deep mauve satin tying at the nape of the neck.

"Blue Bell" is the name given to No. 3, made in fine blue straw with band and bow at the back of the butter colour, which Erik calls "Soleil d'Erik."

Specially intended for Ascot and the summer garden parties (what a long way off they seem now!) are Nos. 2, 5 and 7.

No 7 is this designer's version of the Breton. It's set on a bandeau of black satin studded with gold stars and ties in a fly-away bow at the nape of the neck.

AND there are still some halo hats—one specially noticeable made in alternate strips of coarse golden-yellow straw and black felt, and so carrying out both the two-material and two-colour vogue.

Tail-pieces are a feature—a green and purple felt hat has a deep fringe of the green and purple felt hanging down the back; a straw hat has a bunch of tulips under the Reboux's. A forward movement is her collection.

TRIMMINGS, throughout

the collections, often play a more important part than the hat itself. Ribbons, Monnier model is in navy blue pleated, embroidered or painted, straw trimmed with a light printed silks, jewellery and blue silk ribbon tied into a bow feathers and used. And of in front. A blue veil is caught up under the chin and tied at the back.

AGNES' collection is a real flower show! Roses, orchids, camellias, gardenias, field flowers, camellias, tuberose and other blooms of her own creation artistically shaped in ribbon velvet, cre and glass, are among the endless variety of trimmings in her collection.

Moon-dusk, Taupe Mist and Silhouette are the hosiery tones to look out for when matching to the new blues and mauves.

A hat which has the appearance of an inverted corolla, the stalk of which forms the hat ribbon, and another with an enormous peter-sham white gardenia which in itself makes the whole toque are Agnes' "top hats" for the coming season.

Wide brims turned down over the Picot, panama, paillasson and a variety of shiny straws are used in the Reboux's. A forward movement is her collection.

How To Plan Your SPRING CLEAN

By

GRACE WILSON

HAVE you been feeling that urge to cover up winter's tracks and make some small brightening touches about your home?

Well, here's a note or two on what's new in decoration.

COLOURS are stronger. Four main new ones are striking and will be featured in the fabrics shown at the B.I.F. Two reds: a rich Devon Red and Paprika (the orange-red of pepper); a soft turquoise blue and Mimosa yellow.

FURNISHING SATIN, tufted and buttoned, is used for upholstered furniture; old-fashioned Victorian oval-back mahogany chairs are in vogue again.

WINDOW CURTAINS is one of the new notions, marquisettes or line nets are gracefully draped. Festooned effects are suggested on pelmets. Fringes appear once again.

MOIRE in lovely colours popular for silk curtains. Printed fabrics used with discretion.

WALL BRACKETS, graceful urns, and huge shells are being sold for holding flowers.

How to Distemper

MANY housewives are now planning to do some distemping. Here are a few hints.

Buy the BEST distemper, which is really like an oil-bound water paint, and thin it down according to the directions given. Apply evenly, in vertical strokes, with a proper distemper brush.

Walls already distempered should be washed down and cracks filled up evenly.

To give an impression of height buy two shades of one colour and mix some of the two distempers together to make a third. Divide the walls into three horizontally.

Paint the top division with the lightest shade, the second with the mixed distemper and the one nearest the floor with the darkest shade.

taking care that you blend the colours over the joins.

LATEST sandals shown for evening in satin-and-mesh or kid-and-mesh have discreet open toes and closed backs. Sports shoes are mainly in colour. Punched effects and the new soft toe are features.

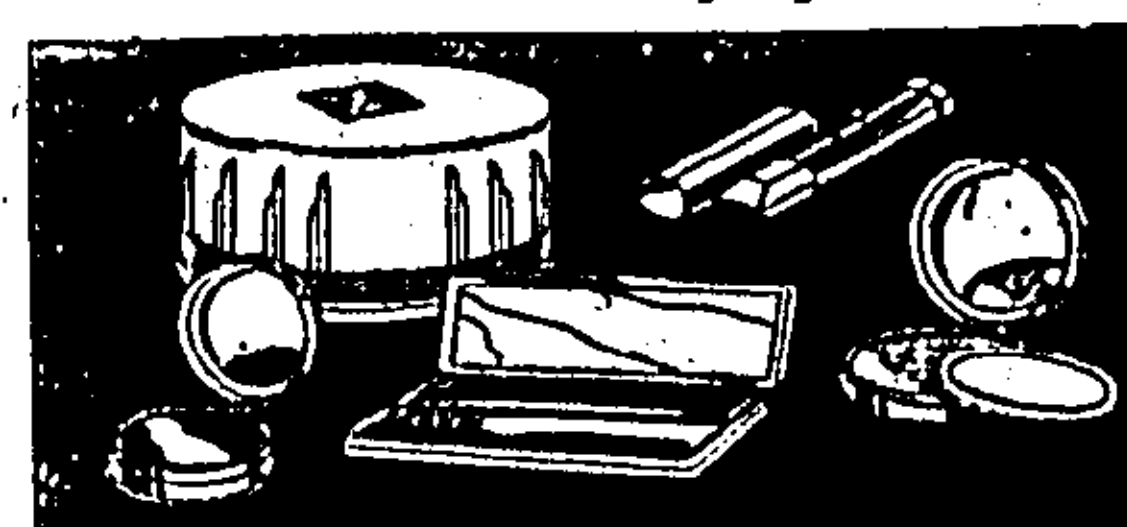
The New Stockings

DARKER stockings in sheer weights act as a foil to the clear flowery dress colours this season. Moon-dusk, Taupe Mist and Silhouette are the hosiery tones to look out for when matching to the new blues and mauves.

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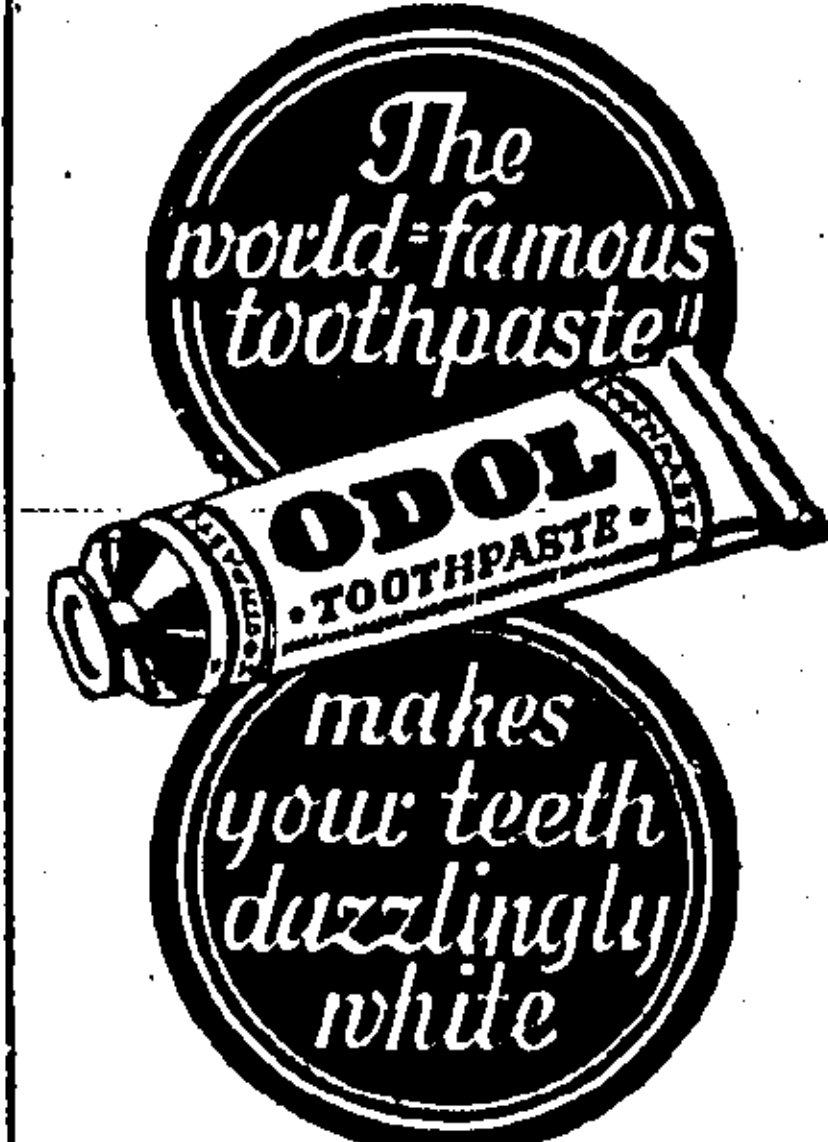
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Foreign Airmen In China Prepare To Bomb Tokyo

Frenchman's Disclosures In Singapore

HOLDS RUSSIANS ARE SUPERIOR TO JAPANESE

"When I left Hankow we were preparing to bomb Tokyo. We would have done so earlier but we did not have sufficient long range planes. We have them now."

So said M. Marcel Florein, a French airman, who has been fighting as a volunteer in the Chinese Air Force when passing through Singapore in the Lloyd Triestino liner Victoria to spend a few weeks with his wife and new baby in France.

Florein, who also fought in Spain, says that he will bring back fresh volunteers when he returns to China.

"My squadron, the 14th, known as the Foreign Legion Squadron, is made up of American, French, Canadian and Australian pilots," he said.

FAST RUSSIAN PLANES

The squadron was now supplied with American Vultee attack bombers capable of 240 m.p.h. and a range that would enable them to bomb Tokyo and return to Hankow, he said. Chinese pilots were being trained for air raids on Japan.

New fast Russian planes are quickly proving their superiority.

"But the Chinese Government is by no means relying exclusively upon the Soviet for supplies of aircraft and men," he said. "Contracts have been signed with American interests for the establishment of aircraft factories in China."

TWO GROUPS

At present, he said, there were two groups in the Chinese Air Force. The larger was of Soviet planes and pilots, who were concentrated in a self-contained unit, under the leadership of a Soviet ace who saw service in the Spanish Civil War.

The second group comprised a number of foreign volunteers known as the Foreign Legion under the command of an American, Colonel Chennault. The pilots were American, French, Canadian and Australian, some of whom have been killed in action and others as the result of accidents. The 14th squadron, composed entirely of foreign pilots, was commanded by an American named Schmidt.

SUPERIORITY PROVED

This squadron on Feb. 7 dropped 150 bombs on Nanking aerodrome, now occupied by the Japanese, Florein said. One of the pilots, an Australian named Whitehead, jumped from his plane by parachute after he was shot through the shoulder. Japanese planes followed him, firing their machine guns as he floated down. When he landed his parachute was riddled by machine-gun bullets.

"Japanese superiority in the air has been purely on account of their overwhelming numbers of planes," said M. Florein. "As combatant pilots they are not good. They always fight in formations of three and will not break up into dog-fights."

"One Russian pilot could tackle three or four Japanese and bring most of them down. They proved themselves in Spain and they are proving themselves in China."



SO SORRY.—Part of the ceremonies in connection with the observance of the 15th anniversary of the Fascist regime in Italy, recently, was the decoration of soldiers' widows by Premier Mussolini. This picture was taken in Rome, showing Il Duce presenting a medal of valor to one of the widows. Some of the soldiers were killed in Ethiopia and some in Spain.

MILLION-POUND CARGOES FOR OCEAN AIRWAYS

By Jack Turner
United Press Staff Correspondent

DALLAS, TEXAS.

AIRPLANES CARRYING MILLION POUND CARGOES THAT CAN CROSS OCEANS IN A FEW HOURS WERE FORESEEN HERE BY MR. I. R. METCALF, HEAD OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

"Within the next ten years such super machines will be commonplace," Metcalf said.

The aeronautical expert explained that engineering problems practically had been solved for the construction of planes weighing up to 250,000 pounds.

The large planes, he said, probably will move through the sub-stratosphere at a cruising speed of 400 miles an hour. They will cross a State while a guest is eating breakfast and move out over the ocean beyond the sight of land while a passenger is taking a stroll around the glass encased promenade deck.

Metcalf was here for the semi-annual meeting of the maintenance division of the National Air Transport Association. Engineers from all parts of the United States and Canada met to discuss construction and maintenance problems to be solved by airline manufacturers in the next few years.

Metcalf told the engineers that experiments by his bureau and manufacturers had proven that the ratio of the carrying load of a plane increased indefinitely as the size of

EMPIRE NEWS

MINING EDUCATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg.

The gold mines need more mining engineers. With a view to increasing the supply, the Chamber of Mines is making a special grant to the Witwatersrand University up to £5,000 yearly, and is granting bursaries to students.

The Witwatersrand University already has the largest school of mining in the world, and by the measures now being taken the industry hopes to double the number of graduates. The present number, according to Mr. P. M. Anderson, a director of the Union Corporation, is not nearly enough.

Bush Fire Fighters.—Hundreds of exhausted men—many of them injured—stumbled to-day down the slopes of the Constantia Mountains, Cape Province, after one of the worst weeks' ends of bush fire fighting recorded. For over 22 hours, 1,000 men fought a fire which swept over hundreds of acres.

CANADA

SOCIAL CREDIT APPEAL

Ottawa.

The judges of the appellate division of the Supreme Court of Alberta to-day unanimously dismissed the appeals of the two Social Credit experts, Mr. J. H. Unwin and Mr. G. F. Powell, who had been sentenced for defamatory libel. They were alleged to be responsible for a pamphlet giving the names of nine prominent Alberta business men, and describing them as "bankers' lackeys."

Unwin, who was Social Credit party whip and is a member of the Legislature for Edson, was sentenced on Nov. 10 to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour. Powell, who came from London, received a six month sentence with recommendation for deportation.

Ontario Floods.—Damage estimated at £600,000 has been caused by floods in Ontario, the danger of which is now for the time being ended by a sharp fall in temperature. Two hundred persons have been evacuated from their homes at London, Ontario.

INDIA

CAWNPORE RIOT

Calcutta.

Thirty-two persons have been sent to hospital in Cawnpore following rioting, owing to Hafiz Ibrahim, now a United Provinces Minister, leaving the Moslem League and joining the Congress party.

Many of the supporters of Hafiz, marching in procession through the city, were stoned. One motorist who was mistaken for Hafiz himself was very badly beaten. The rioting was purely political, and in no sense racial.

NEW ZEALAND

KING AND CENTENARY EXHIBITION

Wellington.

The King has "gladly consented" to become the Royal patron of the New Zealand Exhibition which will open here in November, 1939, according to an announcement by the Prime Minister, Mr. M. J. Savage. His Majesty has also expressed the hope that the exhibition will prove a very great success.

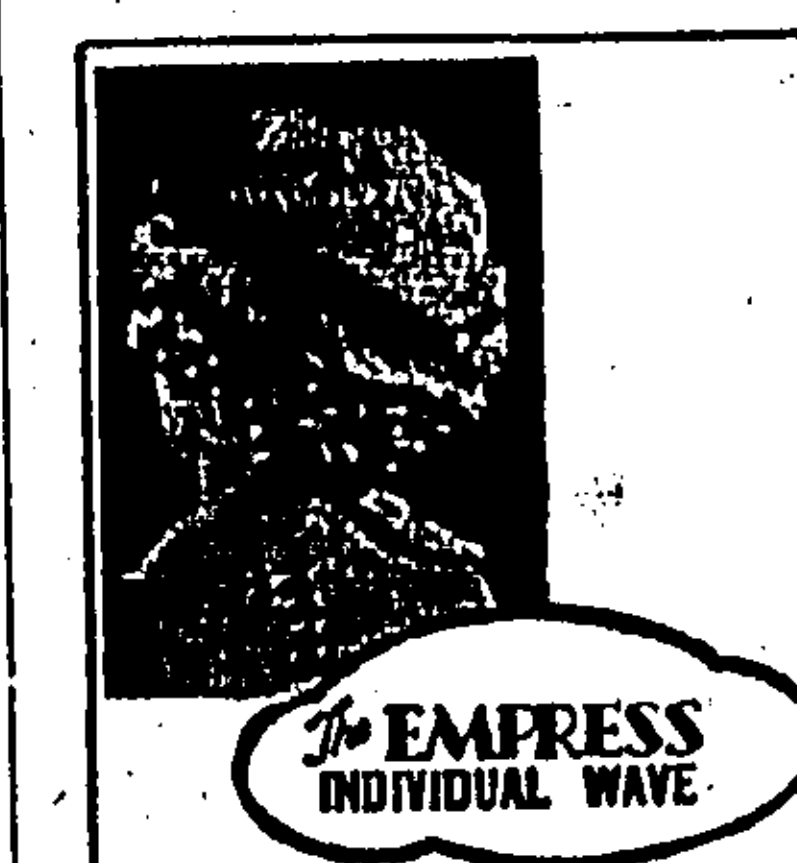
The exhibition is being planned as one of the outstanding features of New Zealand centenary celebrations.

Trade Prospects.—Sir Josiah Stamp, President of the Executive, London, Midland and Scottish Railway, says that New Zealand can confidently expect a continuation of good overseas markets for her products for at least a year. Sir Josiah is a passenger on board the Oceanic liner Monterey, 18,017 tons, which called at Auckland to-day.

Glass Dresses Are Here

London.

All-glass dresses are the new fashion set by Great Britain for Miss 1938. The New material has been perfected after years of research work and makes satin look dull as cotton. The glass material is made from a mixture of soda, sulphur, marble dust and sand, and is said to be unbreakable.



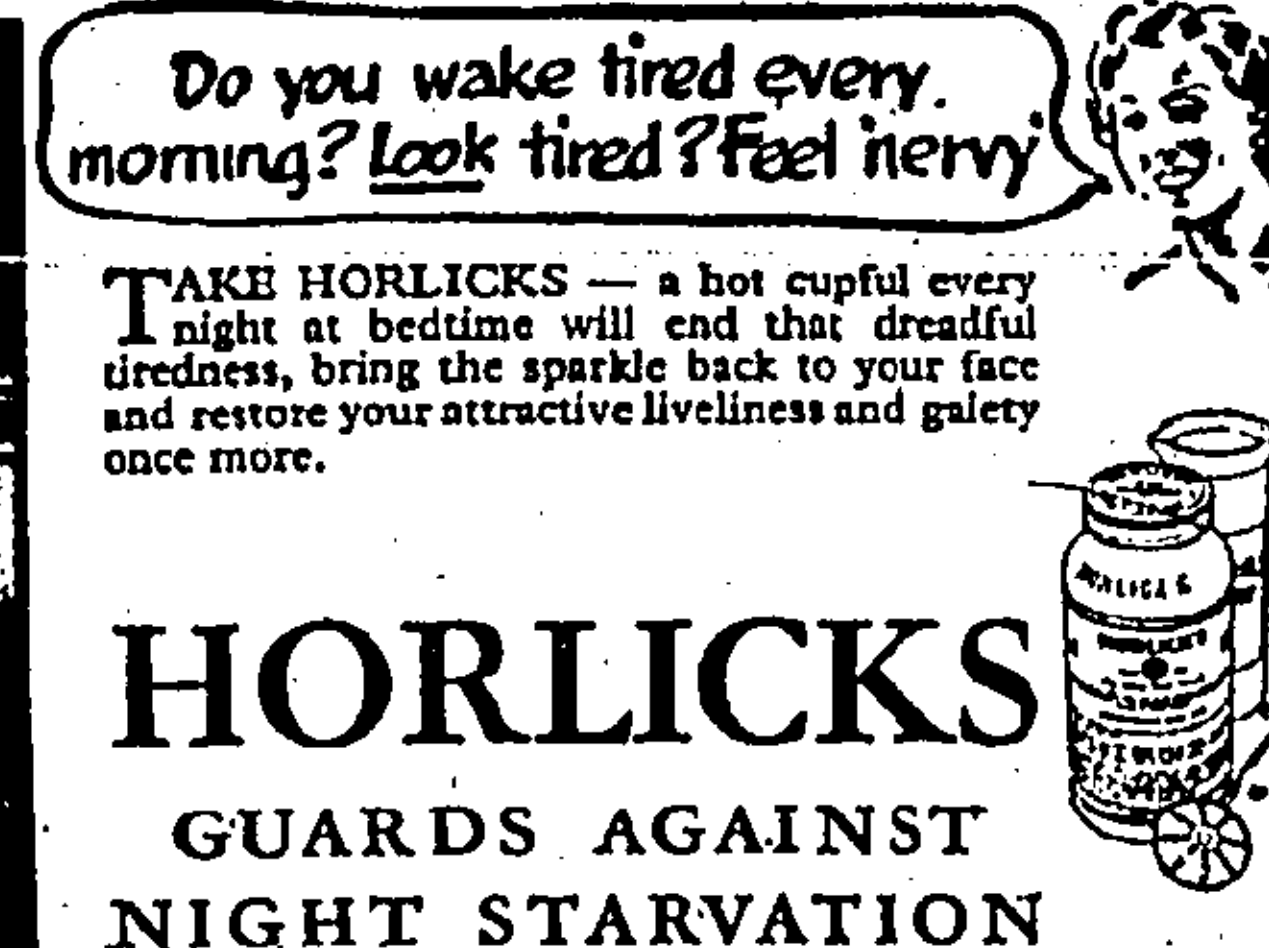
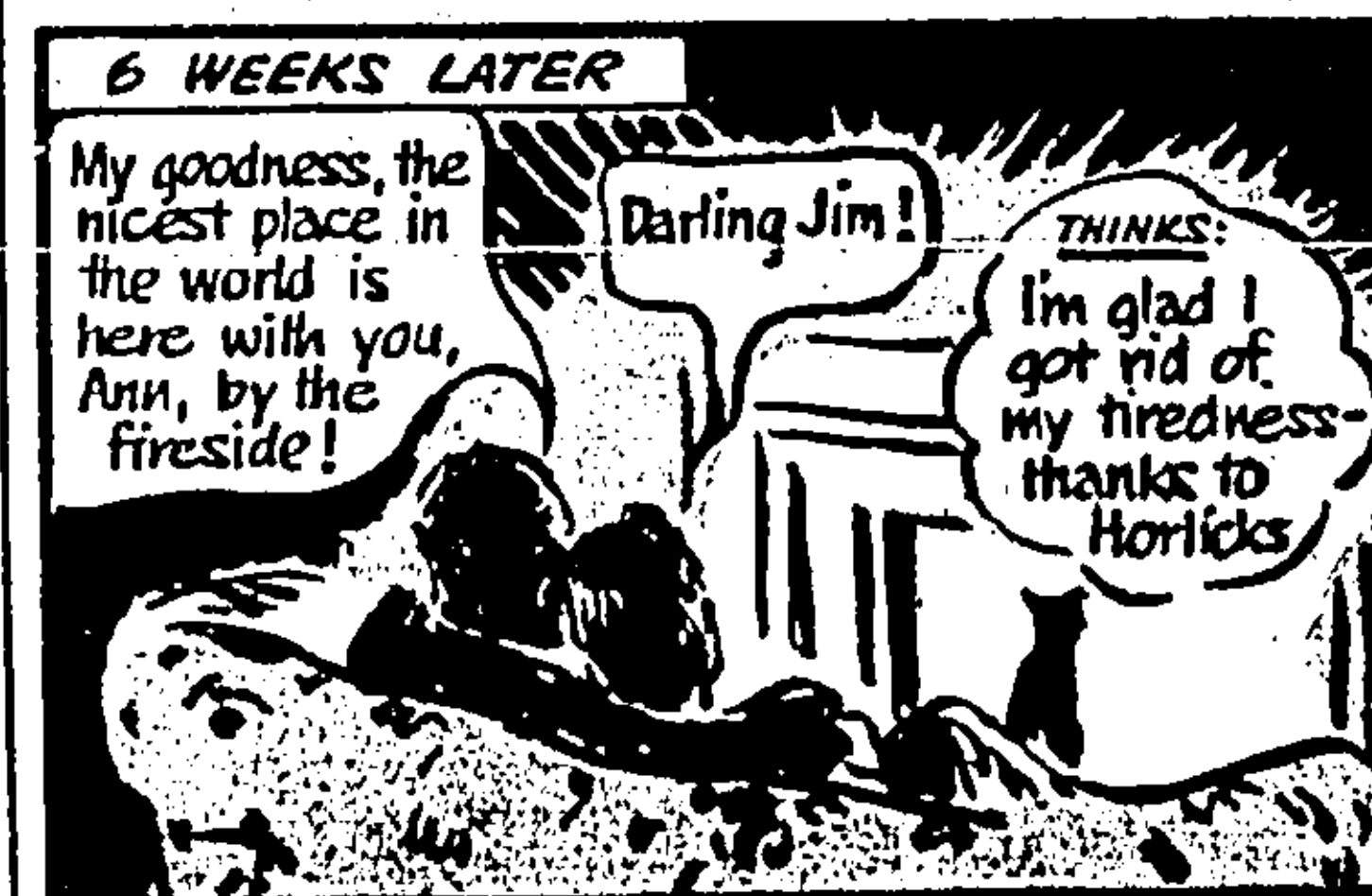
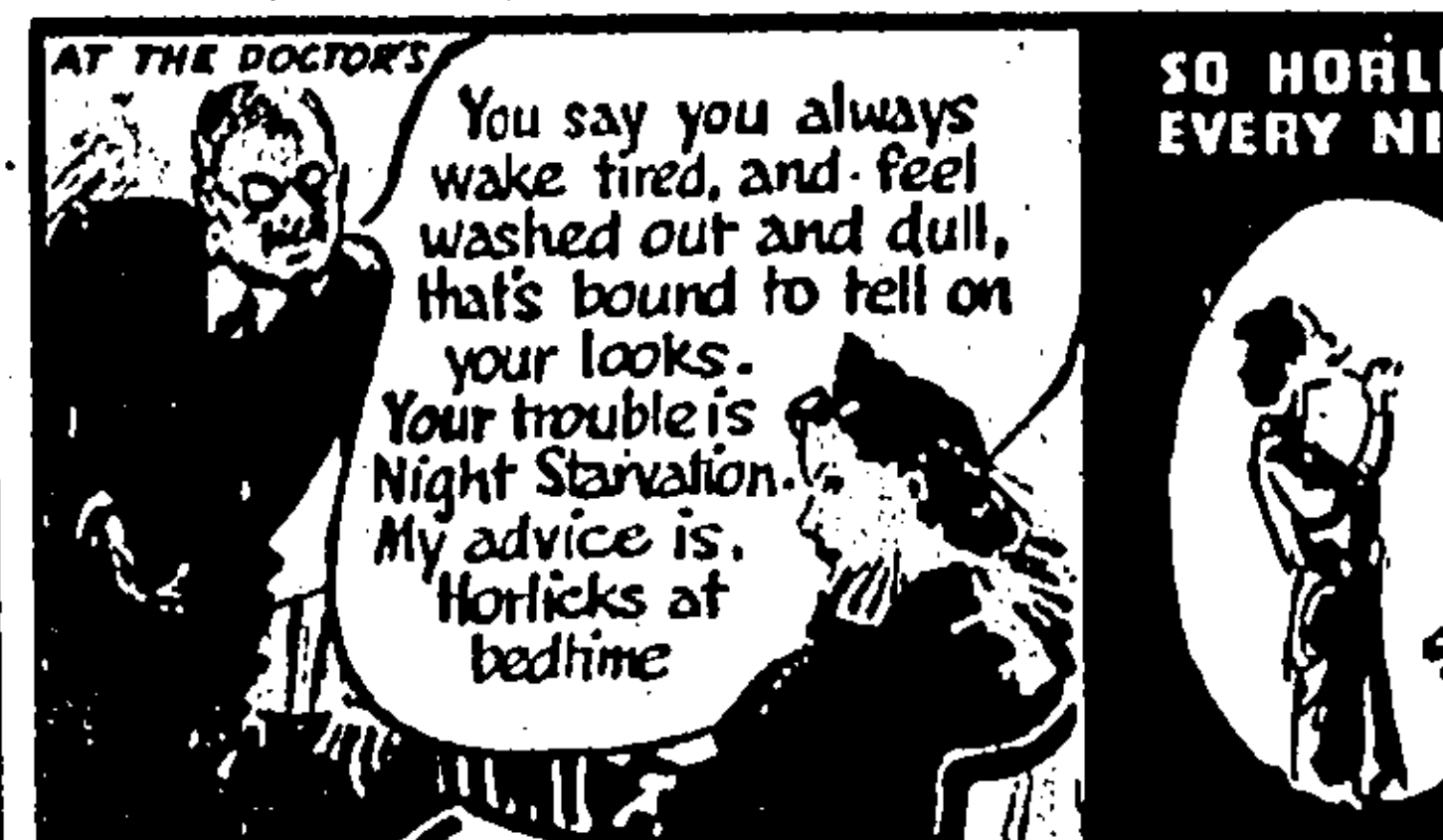
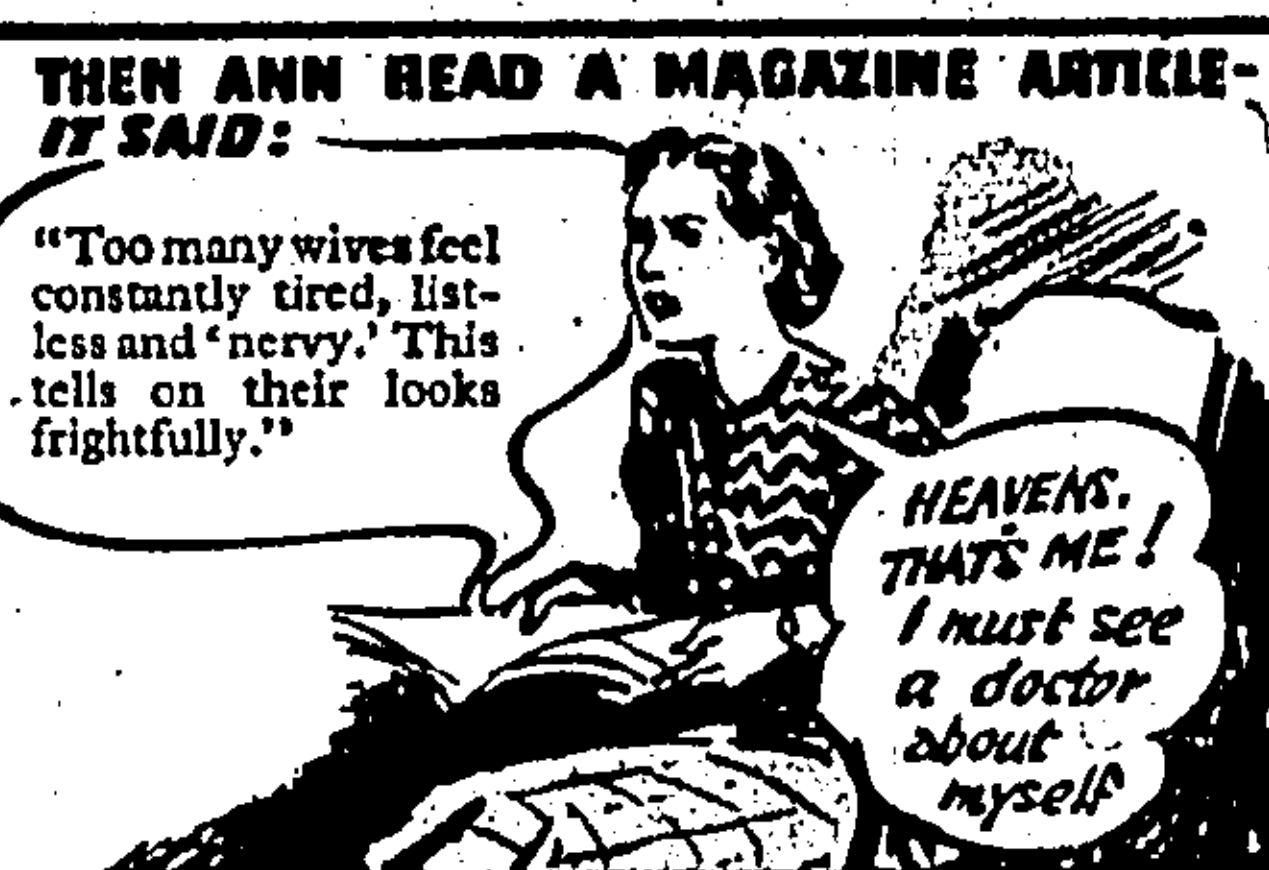
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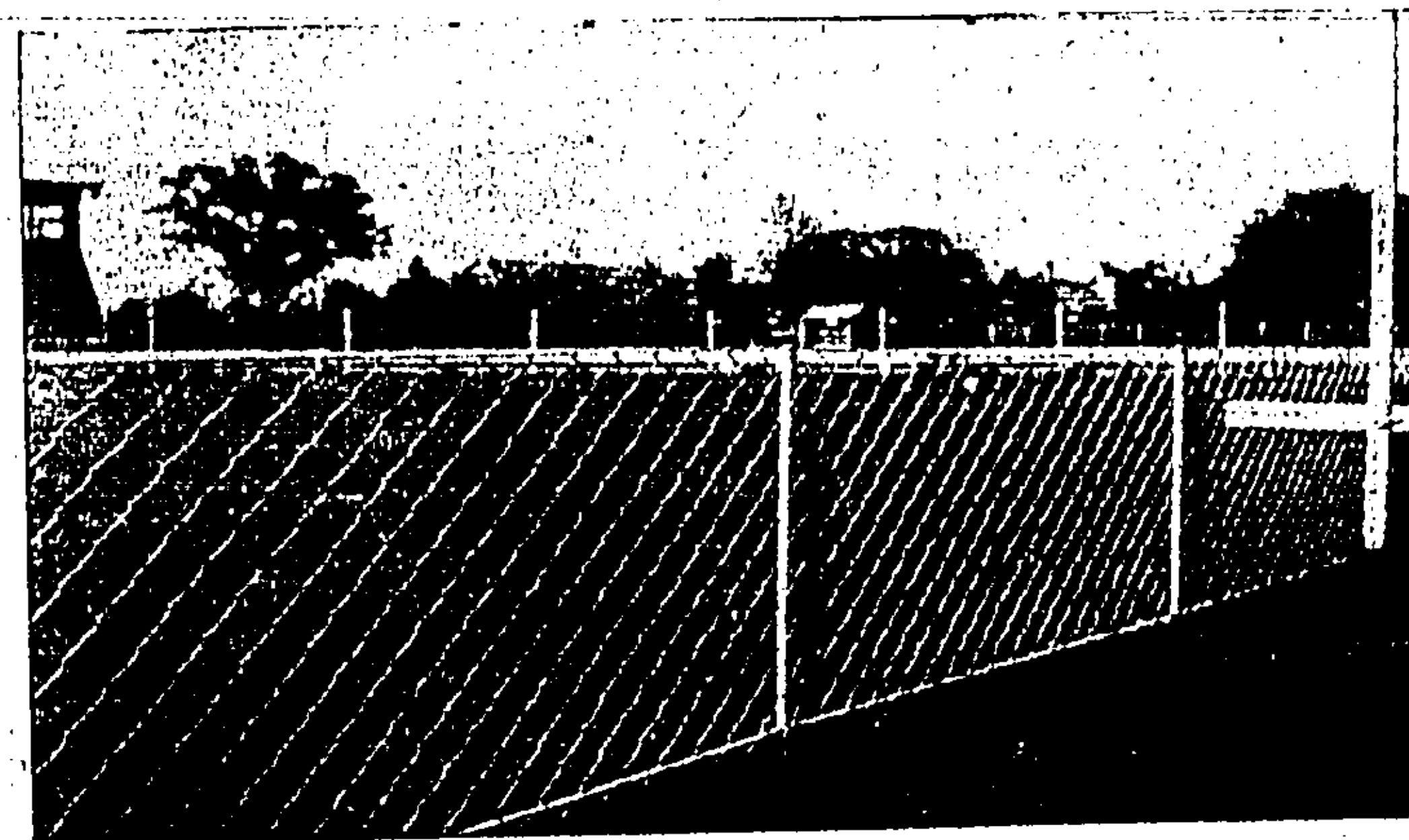
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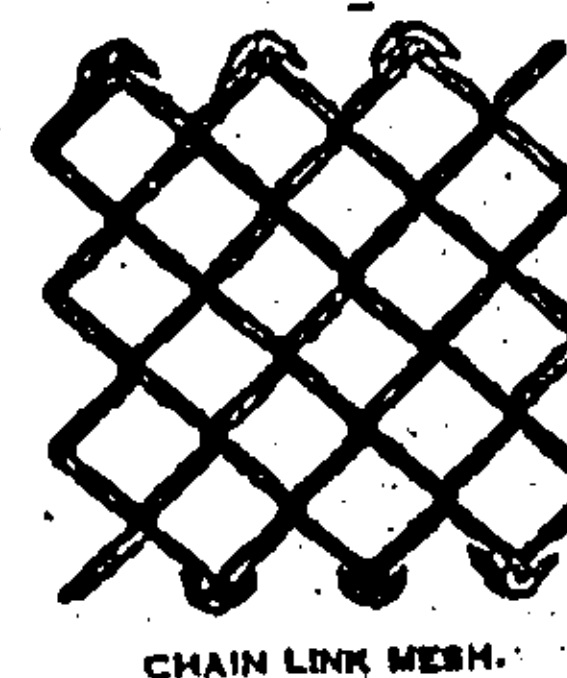


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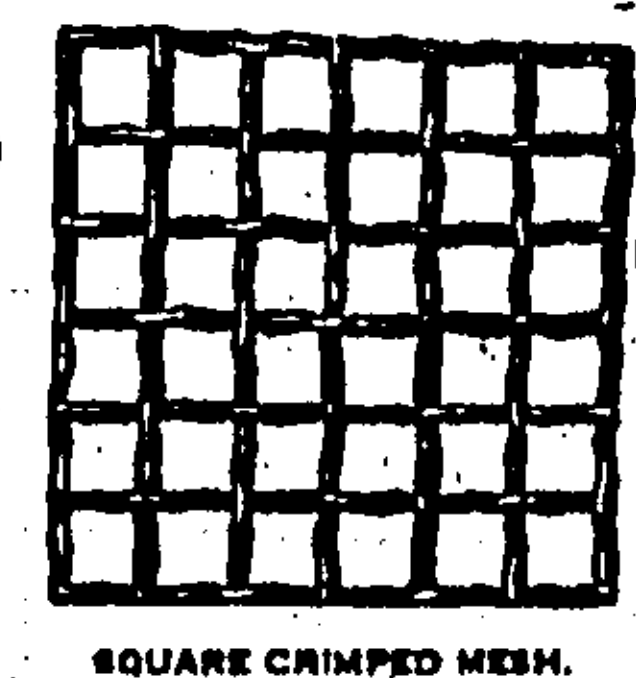


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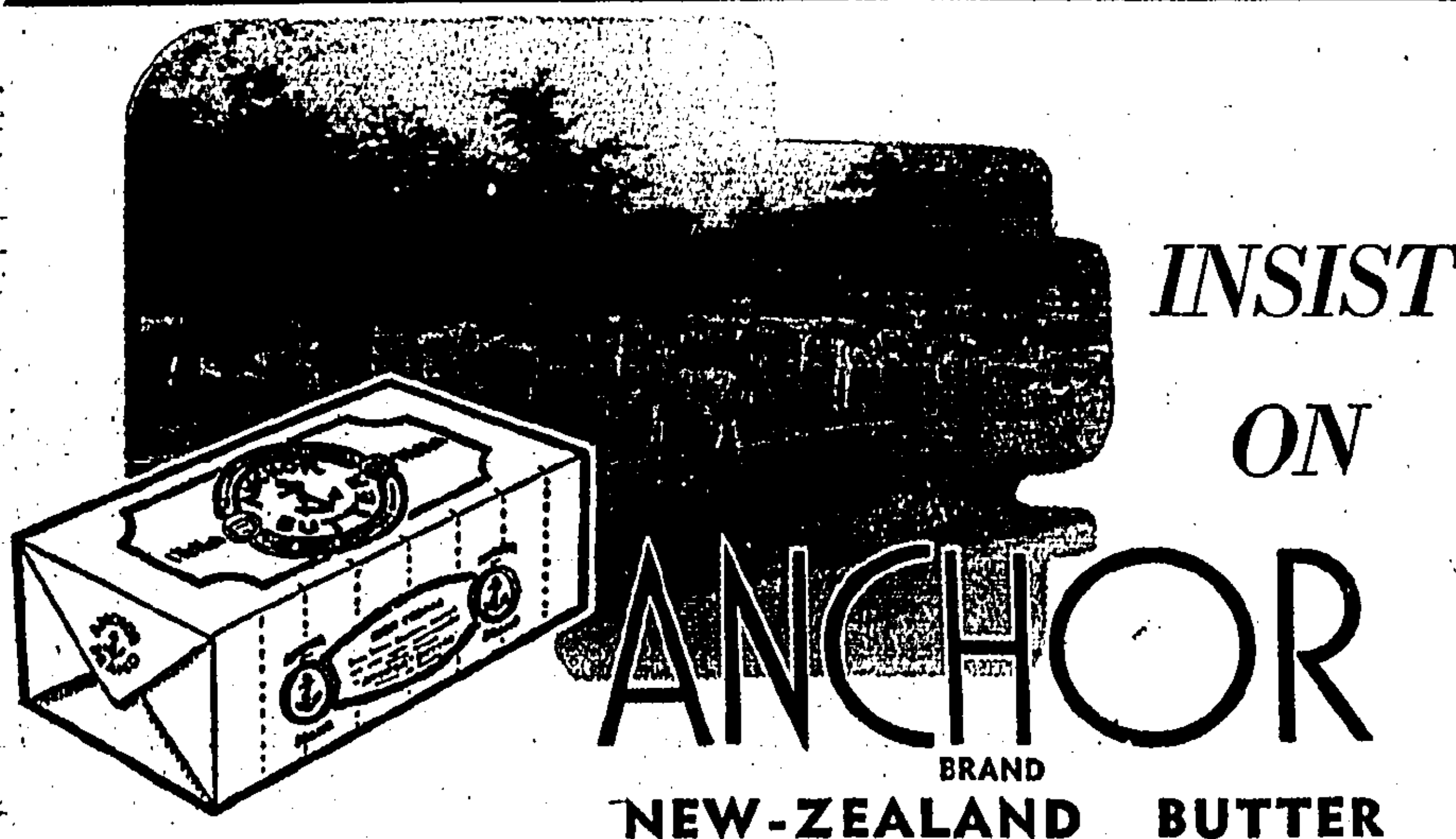
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

Although the volume of trading to-day was not quite so large as yesterday, the market remains steady and prices are well maintained on a slightly higher level.

Bank of East Asia \$30
Union Insurance \$22
China Underwriters \$2.10
Douglas \$7
H.K. & W. Docks \$33 1/2
H.K. Lands & Debentures \$100
Chinese Estates \$90
H.K. Tramways \$15.20
Peak Tram (Ord) \$7
Star Ferry \$34
H.K. Electric \$50 1/2
Sandakan Light \$14 1/2
Cementa \$17 1/2
Dairy Farms \$25
Sincere \$2.20
Constructions \$1 1/2
Mareman's 3/10
Cementa \$17 1/2
Vibro Piling \$5 1/2
Sales
Hongkong Banks \$1.50
Union Insurance \$3.50
China Underwriters \$1.05/2.05
H.K. & W. Docks \$33 1/2/33 1/2
H.K. Lands & Debentures \$100/100
Chinese Estates \$90/90
H.K. Tramways \$15.20/15.20
Peak Tram (Ord) \$7/7
Star Ferry \$34/34
H.K. Electric \$50 1/2/50 1/2
Sandakan Light \$14 1/2/14 1/2
Cementa \$17 1/2/17 1/2
Dairy Farms \$25/25
Sincere \$2.20/2.20
Constructions \$1 1/2/1 1/2
Mareman's 3/10/3/10
Cementa \$17 1/2/17 1/2
Vibro Piling \$5 1/2/5 1/2
By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 22.
New York Cotton
 May 8.67/87
 July 8.74/73
 Oct. 8.76/75
 Dec. 8.75/70
 Jan. (1939) 8.75/70
 Mar. (1939) 8.82/83
 Spot 8.66
 The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 26 with delivery date May 2.

New York Rubber
 Mar. 13.75 A
 May 13.75/77
 July 13.76/77
 Sept. 13.91/90
 Dec. 14.15/15
 Jan. 13.83 N
 Sales for the day—3,150 tons.

Chicago Wheat
 May 85 1/2/85 1/2
 July 82 1/2/82 1/2
 Sept. 84 1/2/84
 Monday's Sales:—17,527,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn
 May 59 1/2/59 1/2
 July 61 1/2/61 1/2
 Sept. 62 1/2/62 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat
 May 117 1/2/117 1/2
 July 108 1/2/107 1/2
 Oct. 90 1/2/90 1/2

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The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
 General Manager.
 Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
 General Manager.
 Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
 General Manager.
 Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

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 The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C., Room 308, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchoi; or the Inspector, 12, Sal. Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.
 All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.
 The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

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Messrs. John I. Thornycroft & Co., Limited have moved their Executive Offices to St. George's Building, First Floor, Hongkong—Telephone No. 22863.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
 General Managers,
 The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
 General Managers.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Mar. 22.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:
 Rail to-day reflected the uncertain future. It is rumored that many railroad companies will soon be forced to reorganize under the Bankruptcy Act. Other adverse influences were the Treaty arguments against any revision of the Capital Gains and the Undistributed Profit Taxes, uncertainties with regard to the future of the Tennessee Valley Authority and the weakness of individual issues, such as Westinghouse Electric and American Telephone. Mining shares, early in the day, responded to the statement by President Cardena of Mexico that he did not plan to continue foreign mining properties. Later, however, these issues declined. Steel mill operations in Pittsburgh are higher. The inventory positions of industries are now more normal. It is expected that the warm weather will lift new car sales. The possibility of a further cotton textile mill curtailment is a discouraging factor.

S. C. & F. correspondent cables:
 Stocks: Securities were again in supply to-day and we expect a further reaction. Domestic business news is discouraging. Business failures for the week totalled 229, against 269 failures the previous week. Bank deposits for the week amounted to \$14,335,000,000.
 Cotton: Tired long liquidation was accentuated by the action of the securities market and stop-loss orders. Trade support was less aggressive. The "spot" cotton and textile markets were quiet. The possibility of further mill curtailment was reported.
 Wheat: Reports of the rapid growth of the Winter crop and early plantings of Spring wheat under favourable conditions, coupled with the pressure of the Australian product were adverse factors early in the day. Later, however, the market gained strength on the report of a possible Government subsidy to farmers to plow up to an unnamed percentage of the crop and further reports of dust storms, the seriousness of which is doubtful.
 Corn: This market showed independent strength, based largely upon expectation of continued export demand.
 Rubber: General liquidation was influenced largely by the action of other markets. There was no interest in Actuals.

Do Jones Averages Mar. 21 Close
 30 Industrials 120.20
 20 Rails 23.61
 20 Utilities 17.00
 40 Bonds 87.04
 11 Commodity Index 51.75

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station—
 Sarpedon, Tibbadak, Hahungang, Telan, Spinh, President Jefferson, Empress of Japan, Benkunt, Hahung, Tropas, Scharnhorst, and Katori Maru.

WARSHIPS RAID UP RIVER

Action Fought With Po On Forts

Canton, Mar. 22.
 For a week there had been only one river gunboat patrolling at the mouth of the Pearl River, but at 3 a.m. yesterday this was joined by seven others. Two were cruisers, four were destroyers, and one a transport. They first stopped opposite Monchow, Po On district, according to representatives of the Greater Shanghai Government, allegedly acting on Japanese orders, after evicting 200 Chinese Customs officials housed in the building.

Notices were erected declaring that the building was now the offices of the Salt Gabelle Administration in the area under Japanese control. The Customs authorities have approached the Japanese in an effort to reach a settlement. The British Consulate is not intervening at the moment.

A Japanese spokesman stated to-day that he had no information; but if the seizure had been made it was presumably done in the belief that the building was Chinese Government property. The 200 evicted Chinese have been transferred to Customs ships anchored off the Settlement.—Reuter.

Two rather large ear-propelled Chinese cargo boats happened along at noon yesterday. One of the Japanese ships halted them, and they were stripped bare of their cargoes, but the small boats and the persons on them were then released. The loss to the owners of the freight is estimated to be \$4,000.

Early yesterday morning a hospital ship came to the South China coast from Formosa, stopping with the fleet at anchor near Swatow. Many of the marines on Samcho Island are down with some sort of disease. It is said, out of the 1,300 who are at that Japanese post 40 having succumbed. There is still a certain amount of intercourse with the island, inhabitants occasionally coming on going, and they have recounted the story of the epidemic, which has undoubtedly come about through the dampness of the place, which makes it decidedly unhealthy.

DUTCH VESSEL

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PEARL RIVER INCIDENT

Believed to be the first Dutch ship to be molested in Far Eastern waters since the outbreak of hostilities, the Reinier, a small steamer, was stopped by a Japanese patrol launch and submarine on Thursday last week. It was revealed yesterday when the Reinier arrived back in Hongkong from a trip to Bocca Tigris.

According to the Netherlands Harbour Works, agents at Hongkong for the vessel, the Reinier left Hongkong for Bocca Tigris very early on Thursday, and was ordered to halt by a Japanese patrol launch when she was about two miles from Sai Island in the Pearl River delta. An officer, accompanied by two marines and an interpreter, boarded the ship, but apparently was not satisfied, and later a submarine arrived and the officer aboard the Reinier conversed with her by signals.

Three officers from the submarine then boarded the ship, and after further signalling the searchers seemed to be satisfied and left the Reinier free to proceed.

The Reinier was taking a cargo of 4,000 tons of coal from Hongkong to Bocca Tigris. This cargo was safely delivered following the slight delay.

WARSHIPS SHELL CHINHAI

Ningpo, Mar. 22.
 Chinhai, northeast of Ningpo, at the mouth of the Yung River, was shelled yesterday by two Japanese warships.

More than 10 shells were fired, all landing on the beach. Little damage was caused.—Central News.

Second Victim Of Gang Dies

Huen Kon-wan, 21, who was seriously wounded when he was allegedly shot during a quarrel in a cave on a hillside at Bay View on March 10, died at the Queen Mary Hospital last night.

Huen's brother, Huen Kon-hing, was killed during the incident. Despite his wounds, and suffering from much loss of blood, Kon-wan crawled down the hillside, and managed to make his way with the help of a pedestrian to Bay View police station, where he related his story.

Three men, alleged to have been involved in the shooting, were arrested and are at present in custody, charged with the murder of Huen Kon-hing.

The shooting occurred about 10 p.m. but it was not until 1 a.m. on March 11 that Kon-wan reached the police station. He was conveyed to hospital immediately after reporting, and at one time, hopes were held for his recovery.

SHANGHAI OFFICES SEIZED

Japanese Raids On Customs Building

HELD UNDER BRITISH TITLE DEED

Shanghai, Mar. 22.
 A building in the International Settlement held under a British title deed and rented by the Chinese Customs Administration, has been seized by representatives of the Greater Shanghai Government, allegedly acting on Japanese orders, after evicting 200 Chinese Customs officials housed in the building.

Notices were erected declaring that the building was now the offices of the Salt Gabelle Administration in the area under Japanese control. The Customs authorities have approached the Japanese in an effort to reach a settlement. The British Consulate is not intervening at the moment.

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MYSTERY GUNMEN

Shanghai, Mar. 22.
 The unknown occupants of a speeding car in the Japanese occupied area of Hongkong to-day opened fire in a Japanese street and a Japanese civilian was killed.

Bridges leading into the Settlement were closed for more than two hours. Troops have been called out to guard the entrances to the Settlement and machine guns placed in position. Acute tension prevailed owing to Japanese retaliatory action.

Mr. R. T. Oates, representative of a British wool factory, was fired at twice by Japanese sentries on the borders of the Settlement but escaped uninjured.—Reuter.

Strength Of Air Force Not Revealed

But 17,500 First Line Planes Promised By Year's End

London, Mar. 22.
 The Under-Secretary for Air, submitting the Air Estimates in the Commons to-day, declared that it was not in the public interest to give comparisons of strength between the British and German air forces.

He added that in view of the situation in Europe, the British Government was contemplating an increase in the air force and rearmament programme. The intention of the Government was to have 17,500 first line fighting machines by the end of the year. This would then compare favourably with the air force strength of any other nation. The estimates were passed by the House without division.—Reuter Bulletin.

MEETING LABOUR

London, Mar. 22.
 Following the Prime Minister's announcement of March 14 that plans for extension of the rearmament programme were being considered, it was reported to-day that the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, had invited representatives of over 30 trade unions to meet him on Thursday to discuss labour shortage problems.—British Wireless.

WRECKED IN FOG

Torpedo Boats Hit Sand Bar Near Via Reggio

Spezia, Mar. 21.
 Four naval torpedo boats on their way to Naples, travelling at a speed of 38 miles an hour, in foggy weather, hit a sand bar near Via Reggio. Two were destroyed and two damaged. The fate of the crews is uncertain.

It is believed that the torpedo boats were en route to participate in the display in honour of the arrival of Herr Hitler early in May.—United Press.

HONOLULU MANOEUVRES

Honolulu, Mar. 21.
 At 2.30 p.m. to-day the steamer Matsunomi passed the vanguard of the fleet 1,250 miles from Los Angeles steaming westward. The vanguard consisted of 18 warships, apparently heading for Honolulu in connection with the manoeuvres.—United Press.

NAVAL BILL PASSED

Washington, Mar. 21.
 The House of Representatives to-day approved the Naval Expansion Bill, which now goes to the Senate for ratification.—Reuter.

SMALL EARTHQUAKE RECORDED

Berkeley, Calif., Mar. 22.
 The seismograph recorded a moderate earthquake at 7.25 a.m. some 140 miles east-northeast of the city. Charles F. Landis, University of California, said that the earthquake was felt in the area.

POST OFFICE.

AIR MAIL LETTERS
 Air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes. They should be clearly marked "By Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES
 Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Amoy	Klungchow	March 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Menestheus	March 23.
Swatow	Nanchang	March 23.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle date, 26th February)	Pres. Jefferson	March 23.
Shanghai and Swatow	Taiyuan	March 23.
Java	Tjilatjap	March 23.
Straits	Bhutan	March 24.
Straits	Eumaeus	March 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 24.
Japan	Jeypore	March 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 23rd Feb.)	Pres. Cleveland	March 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	March 24.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	March 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Bangalore	March 25.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date, 6th March)	Emp. of Japan	March 25.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th March.	Pan American Airways Plane	March 25.
Amoy	Sirdhana	March 25.
Japan	Toyama Maru	March 25.
Haliphong	Canton	March 25.
Straits	Conte Rosso	March 26.
San Francisco	Eskbank	March 26.
Straits and Europe via Negapatnam (Letters and Papers) London date, 24th February	Katori Maru	March 26.
Japan	Nojima Maru	March 26.
Straits	Sarpedon	March 26.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Scharnhorst	March 27.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjilatjap	March 27.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Straits and Calcutta	Wednesday	
	Kulsang	Wed., Mar. 23.
	Parcels	Mar. 23, 11 a.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 23, Noon.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haliphong	Szechuen	Wed., Mar. 23, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Seistan	Wed., Mar. 23, 3 p.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	Hacars	Wed., Mar. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kwelin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service	C.N.A.C. Plane	Wed., Mar. 23.
	Reg.	Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 24, 6 a.m.
	Thursday	
Samshul and Wuchow	Chung On Thurs.	Mar. 24, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Hangsang	Thurs., Mar. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee	Thurs., Mar. 24, 10 a.m.
Amoy	Tjilatjap	Thurs., Mar. 24, 5 p.m.
	Friday	
Swatow and Shanghai	Sinking	Fri., Mar. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	On Lee	Fri., Mar. 25, 8.40 a.m.
Swatow	Canton Maru	Fri., Mar. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Yochow	Fri., Mar. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Terukuni Maru"	Terukuni Maru	Fri., Mar. 25.
Direct Service—due Amsterdam, 3rd April.	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 25, 12.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 25, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	
Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India	Terukuni Maru	Fri., Mar. 25.
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th April.	Reg.	Mar. 25, 12.45 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. *Central and President Jefferson	Reg.	Mar. 25, 1.30 p.m.
*South America, and *Europe via Victoria B. C.—due Victoria B. C. 14th April—and *Europe via Siberia.	G. P. O. and K. F. O.	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 6th April	Atsuta Maru	Fri., Mar. 25.
	G.P.O. and K.F.O.	
	Reg.	Mar. 25



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Soviet Wants Consulates To Be Closed

Shanghai, Mar. 22.
Russia recently asked Japan to close five Japanese consulates in Soviet territory.

At present, Japan has consulates at Vladivostok, Habarovsk, Alexandrovsk, Blagoveshchensk, and Oba, North Saghalien, and the Soviet consulates in Japan are at Kobe, Keijo, Dalren, Tsuruga, Hakodate, and Otaru.

Russia has proposed that Japan close all her consulates in Russia except the consulate-general at Vladivostok. The Soviet Government is cautious about espionage and plots, and accordingly has caused the closure of many consulates of the powers.

The British, Italian, Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Dutch, and Estonian consulates in Leningrad are either closed already or are scheduled to be closed.

Many Western Powers have consulates in Russia on account of trade relations.—International.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 7.)

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Millza Korjus (Soprano).

Funiculi-Funicula (Denza, text Zanardini); La Danza (Rossini).

10.0 Viennese Waltzes.

My Darling (The Gipsy Baron—J. Strauss)...Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Dr. Lee Bloch; Blue Danube (Strauss); Vienna Blood (Strauss)...De Groot & The Piccadilly Orch.

10.15 Variety Numbers.

Vocal—I'm In The Mood For Love (From "Every night at eight"); I Wish On The Moon (From "The Big Broadcast of 1936")...Lanny Ross with Orch. Accom.; Piano Solo—Melodies Of The Month, No. R.9...Jay Wilbur with Rhythm Accompaniment; Humorous—Grub (Crick—Handley—Frankau); Music (Crick—Handley—Frankau)...Murgatroyd & Winterbottom (Two minds with not a single thought) with Monte Crick at the Piano.

10.35 London Relay—The Lincoln.

A commentary on the Lincolnshire Handicap from Carholme, Lincoln.

10.50 Dance Music.

Piano Solo—Rosetta—Slow Fox-Trot (Hines-Woodie); Wabash Blues—Quickstep (Meinken)...Gerry Moore, with String, Bass & Drums under the supervision of Victor Silvester; Orchestra—I Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight—Fox-Trot (From "52nd Street")...Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal chorus.

11.0 Close Down.

SUIYANG BATTLE

Several Successful
Raids By Chinese

Peiping, Mar. 22.
Reports that there is considerable fighting in Suiyuan Province have been confirmed by a reliable source at Suiyuanfu. Chinese forces, after crossing the Yellow River in the north-west corner of Shanai, attacked a Japanese garrison south of Kueihua.

The Chinese, though driven off, claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the Japanese before retreating to the Yellow River.

The same sources report that Chinese mobile units from bases west of Pootowchen have been raiding various places in Inner Mongolia as far east as north Kalgan.—Reuter.

MURDERED MELODIES

(Continued from Page 6.)

alter the time as well. Why they do this is difficult to say. The musical egg is certainly not worth the instrumental candle.

There is no music more full of solid character than that of our Scottish songs and dances. It is deep, true, and very strong. There is, perhaps, no music that is more abused and misinterpreted at the present day. There is not even the excuse that its true form is obscure.

Highland dance music had a great and famous exponent in the late Scott Seldner. Fine standard settings have also been left to us in the "Skye" and "Gesto" collections of the late Dr. Keith Norman Macdonald. Some contemporary players of Highland music appear to be trying to see just how far they can get from the practice of these genuine masters.

More Caprice

Highland dance music is essentially dance music. Every beat of the tune corresponds to a movement of a foot in the dance. To extract a bar or two of the tune and substitute an incoherent flourish, a pointless wall, or an even more pointless pause, is to break the symmetry of the combined movement and music. To change the melody is to interfere with what is in many, or most, cases a perfect sequence of sound idea.

It is the same with songs. Who wants to hear the praises of Annie Laurie sung in a minor key? Or the blue of Killarney changed to washed out grey. Let us have new songs and new music by all means—if we can produce them—but let them be new.

Strong and bright originally is not perhaps a market characteristic of our day. Whether or not it will ever again be possible to compose music equal to that of days gone by, one does not presume to say. The founts of musical composition may be exhausted, or they may be inexhaustible. I do not know. But let us at least distinguish between Art and mere intellectual caprice; between the twitching finger, and the pulsing heart.

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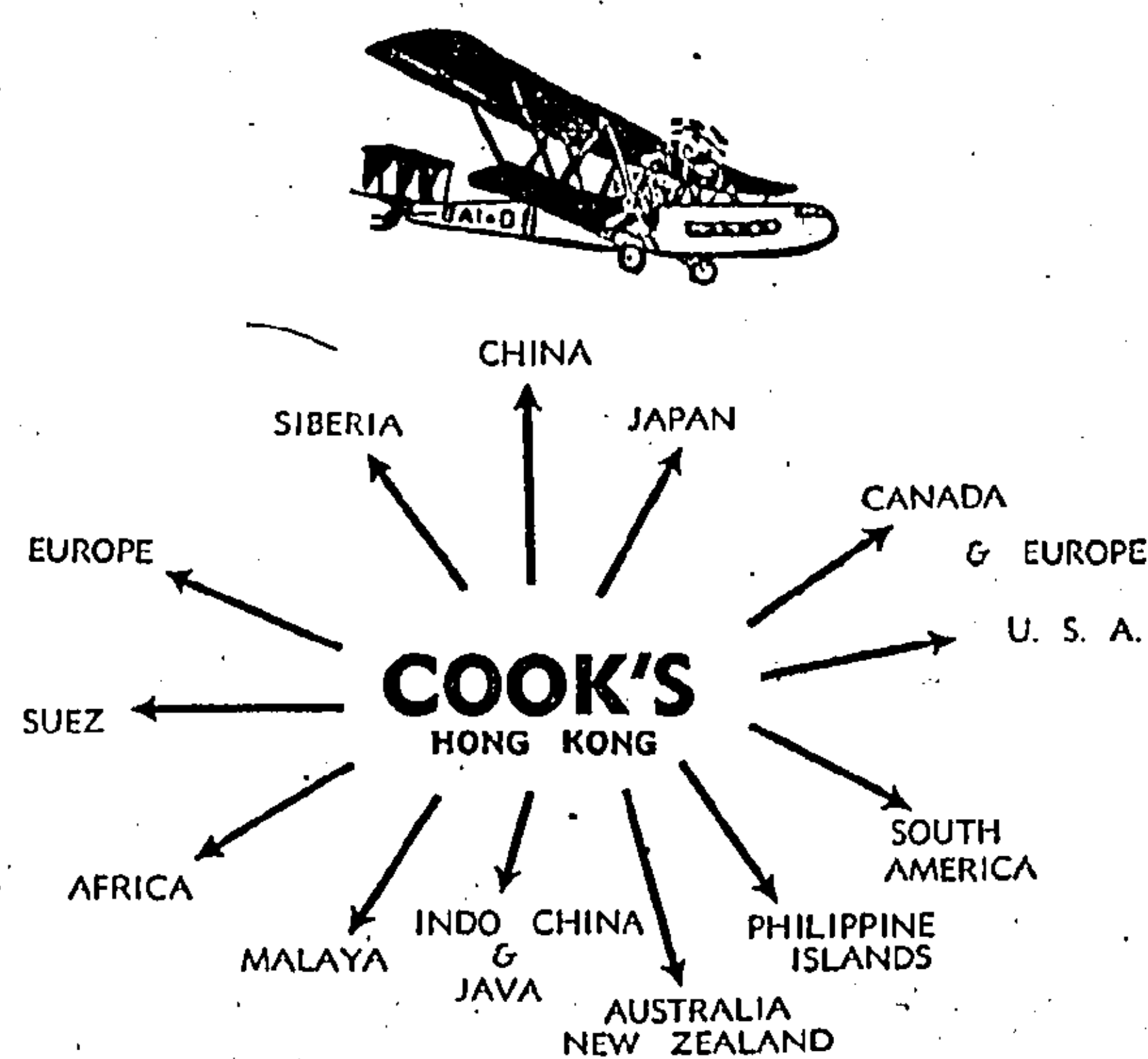
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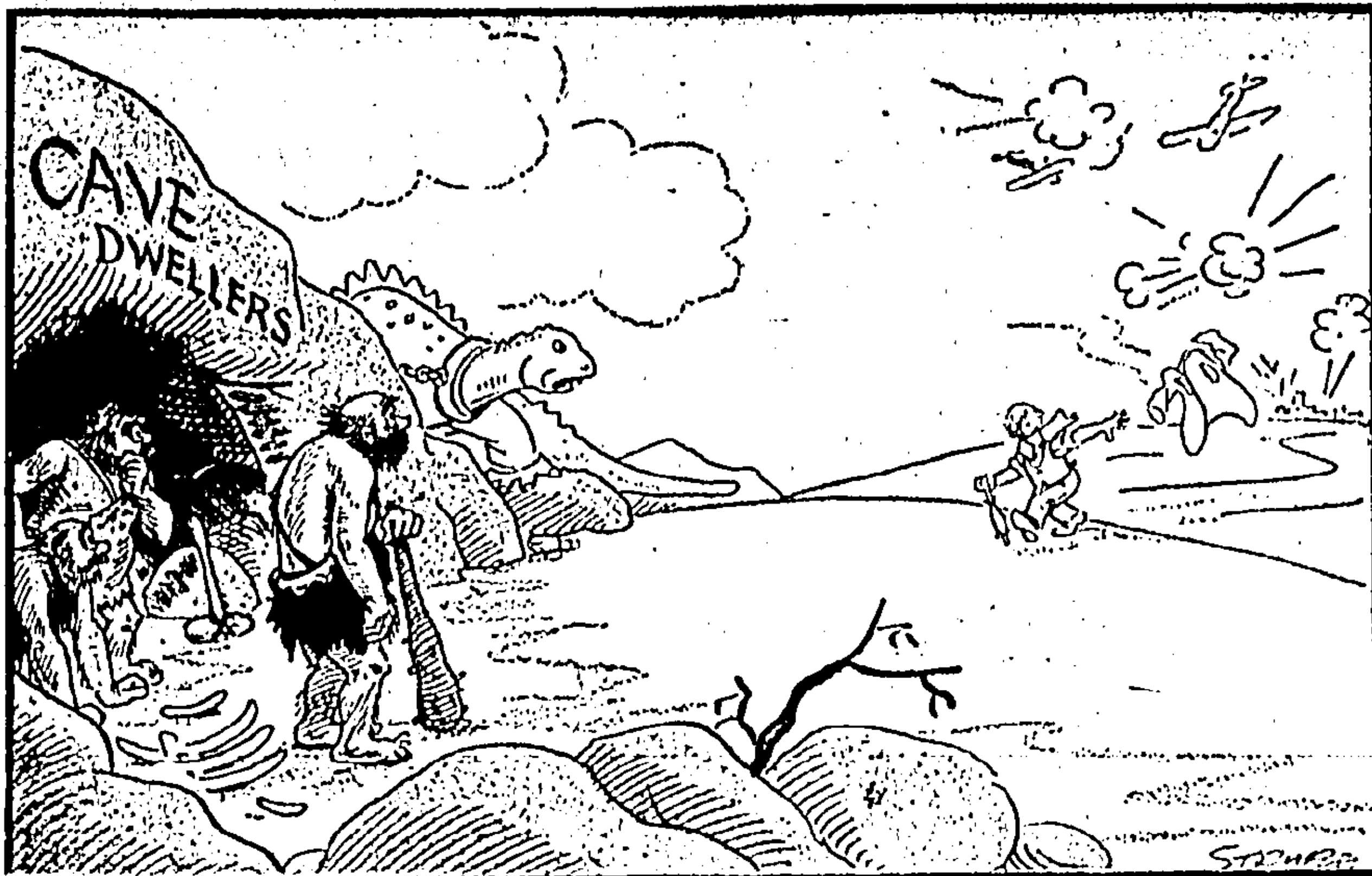
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LESSON IN
ECONOMICS

There is a story told of four farmers in the Canadian Northwest who gambled the best years of their lives and all their assets on wheat-growing. They were middle-aged men at the time the story opens, and bitter and weary, and bowed under a weight of repeated defeats. If it were not rust that ruined their crops, it was early frosts, or one of the other enemies of the wheat farmer. One fall they met on a Government road project—for all of them were in need of some ready money to buy seed and equipment—and they fell to talking hoarsely and a little disgustedly of their prospects. One of them happened to mention that so-and-so had grown a fair crop of barley, and someone else had had a decent yield of corn, and still another had had a paying crop of oats and alfalfa. And they pondered these things and talked about them at length and finally came to a decision. They decided to pool their resources. Each of them would concentrate on one crop—either wheat or corn or oats or barley, and do a little general farming to keep their households supplied with essentials. They thought that at least one of these crops would be profitable and must succeed; and they were right. Scarcely a year goes by, now, but more than one of them have a good yield; sometimes all of them have bumper crops, and they divide the profits and are just about ready to retire.

There should be a lesson for nations in this experience of simple men, not very wise in the complicated subject of economics. This was no more than an experiment in community farming, of course. And it has been practised elsewhere. But it is a mystery to the unexpert mind why the system cannot be perfected and applied on a wider scale. The United States Government has tried crop control and made a success of it. The producing nations have got down to a working arrangement in the rubber and tin fields, and are doing well for themselves. Where wheat and sugar and tea, rice and dairy and general farm produce, metals, timber and fish, in fact the whole list of marketable commodities are concerned, why should it not be possible to regulate production according to the estimated needs of the world—always leaving a safe margin in case of crop failure—so that the producer will receive a fair



RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL?

"I think unless something can be done to meet this air menace, in the latter part of this century the people of this world are going to live like troglodytes, as they did in the days of the cave-dwellers." —said Mr. Eden in the House of Commons. —Strube in London "Daily Express"

'PLANES Over The PACIFIC

A COMPACT fleet of American aircraft, eighteen strong, recently covered the 2,500 miles from San Diego, California, to Honolulu in little more than 20 hours.

Developments in flying technique are throwing an aerial bridge across the 7,000 miles width of the Pacific. That ocean, big as all the rest of the seas of the world together, will soon be crossed in every direction by great aircraft droning over its vast empty spaces.

This would be a matter for rejoicing were it not that, in a world so full of international hostility, increased accessibility promotes the chances of conflict as much as purposes of peace.

The intensive aerial developments in progress on every horizon of the Pacific are of a strategic character. It is preparation for potential war that inspires the energy with which hitherto uninhabited and nameless coral islands are being converted into refuelling stations, provided with barracks, store-houses, repair plants, wireless stations, and defences for the men who staff them.

If the Pacific Ocean, whose emptiness has so long kept it a No Man's Sea, one day forfeits that title in the political sense, it will be the petrol engine that has made this possible.

Key Islands

WITH air fleets crossing the empty ocean at 200 miles an hour a rapid shrinkage of the Pacific has begun, and all the Powers with interests there are engaged in a scramble to establish air routes across an ocean the control of which will have incalculable importance in the future.

Last year four-engine American Clippers flew 36 times to and fro the journey of 7,000 miles from San Francisco to Manila, in the Philippines, making stops en route at Hawaii, two coral atolls fitted up as refuelling stations, and the island of Guam.

From Hawaii another air line branches off, via a lonely rock called Kingman Reef and Samoa, to Auckland, New Zealand, and from Kingman Reef again services will soon be opened up to Brisbane, in Queensland, Australia and to Tahiti, the French island in the South Pacific.

And the Americans are developing another Pacific air route which causes more anxiety to Japan than any of these. It will run along the

Alutian Islands, which stretch for 1,500 miles like a necklace across the throat of the Behring Sea, in the north of the Pacific. The United States already has an air base in the islands at Dutch Harbour.

The Japanese are exposed to grave danger of aerial attack from Siberia. Vladivostok is a pistol pointed at the heart of Japan, for the thousand aeroplanes which the Soviet Government is believed to maintain there have only 600 or 700 miles to cover before reaching Japanese territory.

At the same time, Japan is actively developing air lines on her side of the Pacific.

The Peace Conference gave her all the island possessions of Germany north of the Equator in that ocean. The Washington Agreement prevented her from using them as naval stations, but she is finding them of great value as air bases.

I remember the delighted laughter which broke out in Paris 19 years ago when the Allied Peace delegates discovered that one of these insignificant possessions was called the Island of Yap.

That comically named pin-prick on the map of the Pacific Ocean is now the key-point of a Japanese system of air routes which cuts right across the transoceanic air lines of the United States.

The Japanese have also recently occupied a small island called Fratas, between Formosa and the Philippines, which might serve as an air base to menace shipping in the South China Seas. The first air conference between the Japanese Government and its colonial administrations is now being held in Tokyo.

British Interests

THOUGH Britain has not such a direct interest in the Pacific as the two Powers whose mainlands confront it on east and west, the defence of Australia and New Zealand and of British interests in the Far East is leading to the tardy development of our aerial forces there.

Singapore is the main British air base on the fringe of the Pacific, and steps are being taken to develop the triangle between Singapore, Hongkong, and Port Darwin, in North Australia, into an area where British air forces can operate within reasonable reach of refuelling and repairing stations.

Thus the Pacific Ocean already resembles a great chess-board, on either side of which contestants are pushing forward pawns in the form of isolated aerial units. Soon these will be followed up by mighty air fleets. Then the game will grow critical.

MURDERED MELODIES

By One who Prefers
Them Alive

IF there is anything more tragic than a lost chord it is the slaughter of an inoffensive one; and if there is anything more harrowing than either, it is the lurid evidence of a wholesale massacre of melody.

I hasten to say that I am not a highbrow musician. I don't care much for music that I have to be "educated up to." I can appreciate the waltzes of Strauss, and I could listen indefinitely to a piece like

League of Nations might succeed. And—there is no doubt of this—a plan which would open the way to free commercial intercourse between nations, to the abolition of tariffs, to the reduction of freight rates by land and sea, would go far towards removing the causes of strife which to-day have brought the world close to

perhaps with aims of the sort outlined here an Economic

Mendelssohn's "Spring Song." Beyond that I cannot go. I do not presume to criticise good music, merely repeat that I do not care for it.

But I'm afraid I care even less for modern popular music. Perhaps I don't understand it either. I go to dances now and then, but I haven't yet learnt what "rhythm" means, nor "swing" is. I'm not sure if I even know a crooner when I see one.

My dictionary informs me that "Croon, croon, v. (Scot.) means, 'to utter a low, monotonous, articulate sound like a baby's hum in an undertone.' 'Crooning' is 'a low murmuring sound.' (Cf. Dutch kroonen, to groan.) I think the Dutch have it right. Groaning is the word. Monotonously—and with an American accent.

"THE VERY IDEA"

RAMBLING FROM A SICK-BED

By Eddie "Rheumatics" Kelly

HELLO, children.

Here we are, back again, ready to resume work, after having just risen from a bed of pain and escaping the clutching hands of the Grim Reaper.

We decided to get well again after our bottle of rum gave out.

Flu, we had. Our mind wandered at times. However, we are not same much on that subject.

We thought up lots of learned crevices (learned crevice—also crack. See it? Hal Hal Hal... Oh, well!) for the "Very Idea" while we lay there dying.

We were awfully worried about the chaps on the "Telegraph," wondering whether they'd be able to produce the paper without our assistance. As a matter of fact, they were forced to temporarily cease publication on March 20. They resumed again on Monday.

We think we caught flu out at Repulse Bay, where we met Mary.

Mary is non-explosive. You know, dynamite bit Mary wouldn't.

Dynamite was the breed of drink she introduced us to, Mint julep, she called it, and told us it was what everyone drank in the southern states.

Mint julep is what caused the American civil war. The war collapsed when the Yankees captured the mint.

We collapsed after the boy at the Repulse Bay Hotel captured \$4 of our mint, which was the price of four juleps.

We can feel our sciatica coming on again. It catches us something terrible, right at the back of the throat.

We were reading in the paper yesterday that a chap's flesh is slowly turning to leather. We suspect the same is happening to us—you should have seen our tongue this morning.

We are now going to drink with a sailor—a tough old salt named Epsom.

Hoping you are the same.

don't know if that's what a present-day crooner or croonette is supposed to do, but it's what is done by most of the modern singers whom I hear, on the pictures and elsewhere. Especially the croonettes.

The Worst Offence

I'm perfectly prepared to admit the skill of those who play and sing the modern stuff. It can't be very easy to produce the sort of sounds they do. Especially for the instrumental players who have to bounce up and down as they play.

Modern life is generally admitted to be rather feverish, aimless, and confused. Modern music seems to me to express very well those attributes of the age in which it has taken form. In that sense, at least, it has perhaps some claim to be considered music.

But there is a third source of annoyance which, so far, does not even possess a name, far less a character.

It is a parasitic growth, battenning upon the living musical compositions of former times. We all hear it continually. I refer to that orchestral ju-jitsu by which some well-known tune is slowly, painfully, and systematically warped into unrecognisable unconscionableness.

Now, setting all jokes on one side, it is time somebody did something about this. We may be pursuing Progress, but we are certainly not so sure of our bearings that we can afford to obliterate our tracks as we go.

Sabotage

An ordinary piece of music, like "The Blue Danube," "Colonel Bogey," or the tune of "John Peel," "Annie Laurie," or "Killarney," is just as complete, coherent, and inevitable a sequence as a verbal sentence from Shakespeare or Burns. In fact, if there is a difference between a verbal and a musical expression of ideas, it is that the musical version is the more sensitive and the more intolerant of innovation.

We all know the tune of John Peel. It is a fine one. If anyone doubts it let them try to compose one with half its amazingly effective simplicity.

The first period of the air consists of ten sound syllables. These sounds are immutable in tone, and for all practical purposes in value also. The tune can, of course, be expressed in different keys, or by different chords, and it can be played, as a whole, either fast or slow. But the notes of which it is composed must stand.

Some people may prefer music of that less solid school that specialises in half tones. That is simply a matter of taste. A minor key is no less musical than a major one. But to substitute a half tone for an original full one in an existing and inevitable composition is neither taste nor music.

It is a common practice among players just now, to start up some well-known and well-loved air, and after following the original tune for a bar or two, to wander off into half tones and minor keys, or even to

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Personalities of Old Hongkong

HONGKONG'S GREAT CONTROVERSY
OVER FLOGGINGS WITH THE "CAT"CONVICT WHO
RECEIVED 239
LASHES IN GAOL

By T. Paul Gregory

A CONVICT now in Stanley Prison, serving a twelve year term for armed robbery, was recently strapped to the triangle and given twelve lashes with the "cat-o-nine-tails."

Twelve lashes is the maximum punishment now allowable under Hongkong law.

In the not so distant past, however, punishments of thirty, sixty and ninety lashes were not infrequent.

One Hongkong prisoner received altogether a total of 239 lashes, one of the most barbaric series of sentences ever inflicted on a prisoner in this Colony.

During the Governorship of Sir John Pope Hennessy, the European residents of Hongkong debated the question of floggings with acrimonious conviction.

The subject became one that led almost to a crisis.

"Flogging is a barbaric institution and should be abolished," said the Governor.

"If whipping is done away with, how are we going to keep local malefactors in check?" asked his opponents.

The Governor was confessedly in a dilemma, but being diplomatic as well as an "advanced" liberal, he did not press his point until he had sought the opinion of the medical profession, and with this end in view, he appointed a Commission, whose report was awaited with the greatest of interest. First of all, however, Sir John consulted with the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. P. B. C. Ayres.

Dr. Ayres was perhaps the doyen of his profession in the East, and his many years of experience in both India and China qualified him to speak with authority; for his position of Colonial Surgeon and medical examiner of the inmates of the gaol brought him into contact with the hundreds of Chinese and the handful of Europeans who were incarcerated there.

The name of Dr. Ayres was a familiar and highly respected one in the Colony from the late 'seventies to the early 'nineties, but it is unfortunate that there are little biographical data concerning his life.

Even the date of his birth is more or less conjectural, but it is thought that he was born in England about the year 1825.

He was past fifty when, in 1877, the first mention of his name to any great length occurs in the chronicles of the Colony. That was in connection with the subject of flogging of convicted prisoners, the question which was so assiduously investigated under the aegis of Sir John Pope Hennessy.

It was due to Dr. Ayres' candid opinion that flogging was not abolished in toto, notwithstanding the ardent wishes of the Governor, but the practice as carried out in the Colony was deprived of much of its reprehensible effects, and whilst it is still a potent element of criminal procedure, it is not the fearsome punishment of the past.

It must be understood that, previous to 1878, floggings were administered in public every Wednesday and the regulation cut of nine tails, delivered with horrible effect upon the bare back of the prisoner, who was strung up to the whipping-post. Since 1878, however, floggings, when they do occur, are carried out discreetly in the confines of the gaol.

In advocating his conviction that whilst flogging should be retained as a means of punishment, it should not be done with the "cat" upon the bare back, Dr. Ayres stated: "In India flogging is always done upon the breast, with a four-foot-rattan as thick as a man's fore-finger. I have never, in eight years' experience, seen any worse effects than the injury done to the skin."

Moreover, he was emphatic in his declaration that floggings as administered to Chinese prisoners in the gaol from 1853-1877 were distinctly harmful, as he claimed that the Oriental felon on account of his slighter build could not endure the infliction of the lash upon his bare back as well as a European, who was he thought, constitutionally more able to suffer punishment with the minimum of ill effects.

At length, the Medical Committee appointed by the Governor made its long expected report. Strange as it may appear, the learned members did not bear out the testimony of their colleague, Dr. Ayres, but what they said was entirely to the contrary. Indeed, they solemnly affirmed that they were of the conviction that the evils of flogging

were grossly exaggerated and that there were no harmful effects whatsoever.

In evidence of their statement, they cited the punishment meted out to a notorious Hongkong criminal of the late 'sixties and early 'seventies, a Chinese named Lee Ah-yeo. The record of this individual may be of interest to readers and it is consequently appended here:

"First sentenced April 19, 1865 to four years' imprisonment with hard labour for daylight robbery and assault. Released on July 27, 1868, but in breach of the conditional pardon he had received, was sent to prison again, where he remained until February 28, 1871. On April 20, 1871, he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and ninety strokes of the 'cat' for a murderous assault on a warder. Received a free pardon on October 27, 1879 on the recommendation of the Capt. Supt. of Police and finally deported from the Colony for five years on November 11, 1878."

"During this man's imprisonment he received 239 lashes on the bare back with the regulation 'cat' by order of the Supreme Court."

"Lee Ah-yeo received ninety lashes in three instalments in 1871, by order of the Supreme Court."

"Lee Ah-yeo received eleven lashes at one time in 1871, for prison offences."

"Lee Ah-yeo received twelve lashes at one time in 1874, for prison offences."

To this formidable list of evidence, the Medical Committee added succinctly, "his (Lee Ah-yeo's) series of floggings do not appear to have had the least effect on him."

ABOLITION FAILS

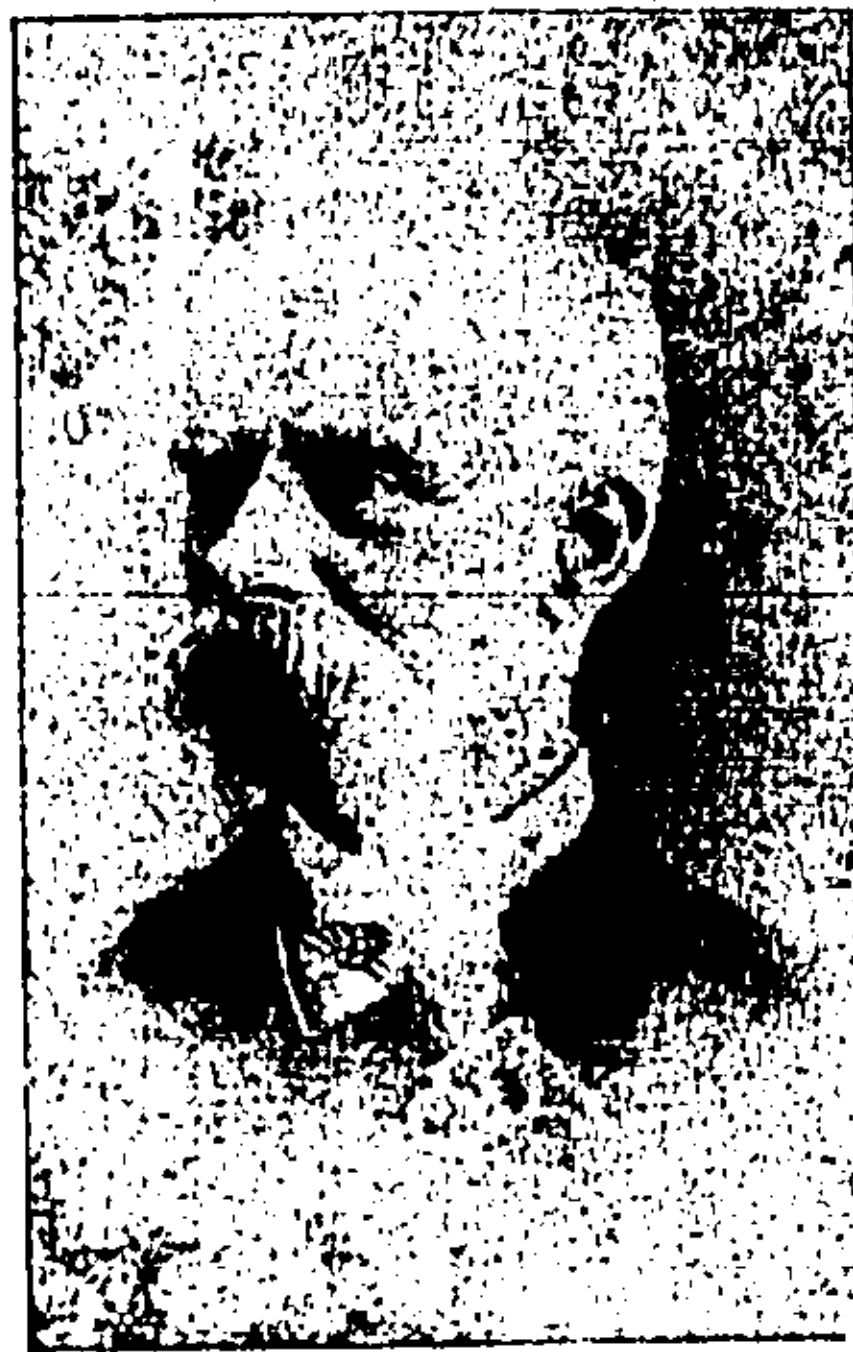
In view of the weight of such impartial evidence, Sir John Pope Hennessy was unsuccessful in his efforts to abolish flogging, but he did manage to incorporate the ideas of Dr. Ayres in the administration of such punishment, and floggings on the bare back were limited to twelve lashes and were more or less replaced by the more humane and equally successful deterrent in the form of "canings" which are the recognised procedure to this day for burg-snatchers and other felons of this type.

After the flogging agitation had been settled, Dr. Ayres remained in comparative obscurity, although he was by no means inactive. About 1886, he broke into print once more on account of his studied hostility to the then active Anti-Opium Society, which numbered amongst its adherents, Dr. G. J. Kerr, a veteran American missionary of Canton.

It was Dr. Kerr's contention that the use of opium was extremely deleterious, and that drug addicts confined to prison suffered the pangs of hell when compelled to forego their daily "smoke."

Dr. Ayres, on the contrary, argued that in his honest opinion opium was no more harmful than tobacco, spirits, or even beer. He seemed to take especial delight in this statement, and repeated it without equivocation year after year in his annual reports, bearing it out with a mass of interesting statistics in support of his theory.

The gist of his thesis was that al-



DR. P. B. C. AYRES

Boy Who Will
Become A
"Twin"

Washington.

A 16-year-old boy has allowed science to make him a Siamese twin to enable a 13-year-old girl to become a normal human being.

An 18-inch tube of flesh made John Melvin Bonner and Clara Howard one individual. The operation linking the two negro children, if successful will enable surgeons to graft new skin on the body of the girl to replace flesh seared by a fire in North Carolina more than a year ago.

Dr. R. E. Morgan said the children were "doing well." He hoped that Clara would emerge from it a normal human being.

The girl was seared by the fire. Her flesh was burned so desperately that doctors said she couldn't recover. She did recover but the flames left her body a mass of scar tissue, so extensive that her right arm was joined to her body.

Surgeons were able to replace a portion of the seared skin in grafting operations. But the major transfer of skin necessary to restore her to normal required linking her with a skin-donor to permit his blood stream to join with hers and enable a graft of 24 ounces of flesh.

Young Bonner volunteered. Since last November, the two children have been in emergency hospital preparing for the operation. Surgeons slit his side in an 18-inch cut, rolled the flesh into a tube and allowed the tube to hang loosely from his body, connected to his bloodstream only at its extremities.

Under a local anesthetic, the two children watched the operation. One end of John's flesh tube was severed from his body. An incision was made in the little girl's elbow. The flesh tube was inserted and their blood-streams intermingled.

United Press.

Brothers Apart 50 Years Meet

Windsor.

Two brothers met here for the first time in half a century on a railway platform. Martin Ryan, 58, of Windsor, walked up to his brother Hugh, 58, who was on his way to Liverpool after 14 years in Vancouver, and slapped him on the back, saying, "Well, old boy, I guess we have met at last."

though opium-smokers usually lost a few pounds in weight after entering prison, they easily and speedily regained the lost poundage, owing to the good food and regimen available in gaol, so that it was unnecessary for any special medical treatment.

DEATH CAUSES FURORE

On one occasion, however, an opium addict died in prison and the Anti-Opium Society made a great deal of fuss over the incident. Dr. Ayres proved equal to the occasion, and with his characteristic assiduity went to a great deal of pains to prove that amongst the hundreds of opium smokers who were passing through the portals of the gaol during all the years since he had been the medical examiner, this was the first death which could be said to be due to narcotic poisoning. Therefore, he took umbrage at the attitude of his critics and stated bluntly in so many words that the Anti-Opium Society were "kicking up a devil of a rumpus over nothing."

A summary of Dr. Ayres' career in the Colony is that he was an exceptionally conscientious official and an indefatigable worker in the interests of the public welfare. He did much for Hongkong, and being a versatile writer, his annual reports are full of interest. The Colony owes him a debt of gratitude which is perhaps still realised.

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7.45 London Relay—"Songs of the Seasons."

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7.55 Closing local Stock Quotations.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—"Revival of Some Old Popular Songs" by J.C.M.G. and C.H.A.H. Continued.

8.30 London Relay—"Music-Hall Reminiscences."

The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra; Leonard Hirsch; Conducted by Clifton Hewitt; Colleen Clifford (Soprano) John Rorke (Baritone); Orchestre; March, Old Comrades (Telke); Overture, Orpheus in the Underworld (Offenbach); Colleen Clifford and Orchestre; My Lady Lu (Edwin Brill), Julie Jewel (Harry Dacre); The Honey-suckle and the Bee (William Penn); Orchestre; Selection of Marie Lloyd's Songs (arr. Le Brun); Colleen Clifford, John Rorke, and Orchestre; Dinah, the Moon am Shinin' (Stromberg); Coo-ee-oo (Scott Mackenzie); Hello, my Baby (The Runaway Girl (Howard and Emerson); Orchestre; Waltz, Toreador (Popplewell Royle); John Rorke and Orchestre; Yer 'at don't at yer very well (Charles Yorke); When There Isn't a Girl About (Castling and Collins); We All Go the Same Way Home (Harry Castling); Orchestre; Selection, Veterans of Variety (arr. Pether, orch. Bates).

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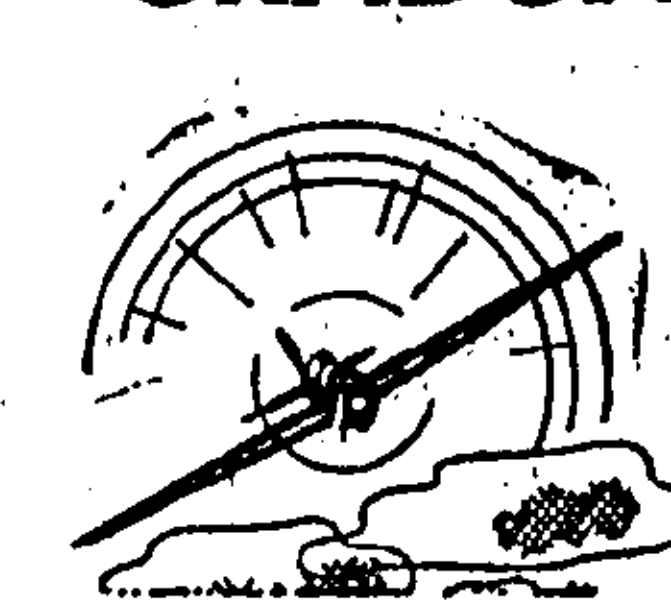
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The safest seaplane base in the entire Pacific Ocean is the harbour of Pago Pago, in American Samoa, near which the Pan-American Samoan Clipper recently exploded and was lost with all hands.

Commander Thomas Kirkpatrick, U.S.N., who recently returned here after a tour of duty on the South Sea possession of the United States, said the little island of Tutuila also is strategically important from a military standpoint.

He pointed out it is equal distant from Yokohama and Manila, and 4,000 miles from San Diego.

Kirkpatrick, who in addition to other duties, served as superintendent of the public schools in Tutuila, said native Samoans, in a sense, are a people without a country.

They are not citizens of the United States, and, as a result, cannot obtain passports permitting them to visit other lands. However, the naval officer added, this situation causes no concern in the islands, where he pictured a race so contented with their existence they have no desire to go to other places.

It was not until 1929, Kirkpatrick said, that Samoa was placed officially under the jurisdiction of the United States, although this country has carried on administrative and protective work there almost from the time of the first exploration by a U. S. Navy party in 1839.

The first American consular office was established in the islands in 1853, and in 1872 the navy established a definite base at Pago Pago.

The governor of the island, with its population of 1,100 natives, in an area of approximately 70 square miles, is the commandant of the naval station.

Just as the island was the base of operations for American whalers in the early '60s, to-day Pago Pago has resumed its importance as it is to play a key role in the trans-oceanic air mail and passenger service between the United States and New Zealand and Australia, Kirkpatrick said.—United Press.

LOW-DOWN
ON LIPSTICK

—By Mrs. Roosevelt

New York.

For women throughout the United States to-day the big news was not St. Valentine's festival, but the news that Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has begun to use lipstick. For the first time in her life, when she appeared in Washington to-day, her lips were touched light red.

Women reporters, with the delightfully unabashed curiosity which is their special characteristic, clustered round to ask her all about it.

The Lady of the White House, with equally delightful candour, gave them the low-down.

She said she decided to use lipstick on the advice of her daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger. It took her a considerable time to put it on, she admitted, but she added philosophically that her daughter had reminded her that "practice will make it easier."

Postman Scarred By
Dogs

Sydney.

Tom Hill, 65-year-old mail carrier, inside the job should be included in the list of dangerous vocations. In 30 years of delivering mail he has been bitten more than 100 times by dogs.

FINDS A PARADISE FOR PRO GOLFERS IN THE ORIENT

Sarazen Suggests Circuit Embracing Hongkong

New York, Feb. 15.

Not far from me in this particular night spot was a face that I knew. I asked over to his table and said, "Hello Gene—Long time no see." He replied, "That's right I've been gone about six months—I've been around the world."

Gene Sarazen, U.S. open golfing champion of '22 and '32 and British open champ in '32, had returned from a trip around the world. I asked, "What have you been doing in your travels?" He said, "I've been exploring—golf exploring."

What did he find in his exploration? He found a new paradise for professional golfers in the Orient. "Listen," said Gene, "I just got off the liner Rex. And I'll give you my first impressions of that globe circling trip. The thing that hits me hardest is this—There's a brand new circuit for golf professionals in the Pacific. Golf is sweeping the Pacific. There's a new circuit out there. The golf professionals can sail from San Francisco; go to Honolulu; then to Japan; on to Hongkong, China; next to the Philippines; Singapore; Australia; New Zealand, and the home."

Sarazen, the middle-sized Italian farmer from Brookfield Centre, Conn., looked just about the same as usual in his brownish-gray tweed suit. Except that he seemed a trifle heavier and possessed of more noticeable fangs. Gene is around 36 now and he explained, "I put on quite a bit of weight during my trip. Those long boat rides do it—Nothing to do but eat. Guess I weigh about 170 pounds. Next week I'm going out to Battle Creek, Michigan, and pare down to around 160—So that I can play in the tourneys again."

OLYMPIC TEAM

But what about that Pacific circuit? The dark-haired, round-faced explorer was eager again. "They're nuts about golf in the Orient," he emphasized, "particularly in Japan. They want me to organize an Olympic team of American golfers to compete in the Japanese games in 1940. Japan figures golf should be an Olympic sport. They've got more than 50 big time courses over in Japan. If they put golf on the Olympic schedule, maybe I'll help organize a team. They're playing golf everywhere I went in the Orient, except on the Island of Bali. That's the only place I didn't give an exhibition of some sort. They have no course on Bali."

But the rest of the Orient is amazingly interested in the game. And that interest offers new possibilities for American professionals to make annual tours, it provides a new winter circuit.

Had Gene heard of the terrible things that American professionals on the Florida-California golf trail had been going to old man par? Yes, already he had been informed. And he said it was just as he prophesied before.

"The 14-club rule has made for better golf," he pointed out. When contestants packed 25 or 30 clubs, they spent so many time figuring out which club to use that they couldn't concentrate on the game. With only 14 clubs, they became familiar with those clubs—just like good friends—And they learned how to use them accurately for various shots. It really helped everyone's game."

SLIP-SHOD ARCHITECTURE

But did Gene figure that the 14-club rule alone was responsible for the recent murderous assaults on par? No, he didn't. He figured that the chickens were just coming home to roost on slip-shod golf course architecture.

"We are about 10 or 15 years behind in course architecture in this country," he said. "The worst fault is on the par-five holes on most

courses, where the greens are much too large. This puts a premium on slugging—regardless of slicing or hooking—so that the long driver makes the green on his second stroke. That's how the long drivers make their birdies. There are about four of those par-five holes on every 18-hole course.

"No, the way those par-five holes are made now do not benefit the duffer. They work against him. The duffer usually isn't the long driver, but he's usually a guy who tries to keep to the centre of the fairway. Decrease the size of those par-five greens, so that the sluggers will have to keep on the fairway to make them—even with their third shot. And we won't have par murdered any more."

Gene and his attractive wife, Mary, went around the world with Albert E. Lasker, an advertising magnate. It was a pleasure trip for the Sarazens, "but of course, I played golf every time I got a chance—or any place they wanted me to give an exhibition."

(Sarazen passed through Hongkong at the end of last year, but did not give any exhibition in the Colony).

Support For 'Open' Tennis Tournaments

Don Budge Would Like To See Pros Play With Amateurs

London.

W. T. Tilden and Donald Budge, the American and Wimbledon champion, both strongly support the introduction of open tournaments for lawn tennis players, in which amateurs and professionals would be able to compete against one another, as in golf.

Tilden, in his day the world's most eminent amateur, and now the best-known professional, said that the decision of the Indian Lawn Tennis Association to press for the legalising of open tournaments was the first definite step in the right direction, but he was afraid that the proposal had little chance of being accepted. The strongest opposition to such a proposal, he said, would come from the English Lawn Tennis Association.

DONALD BUDGE'S PLAN

Budge would like to see an open tournament between the world's four leading amateurs and four leading professionals to take place in New York and the proceeds to be given to the Heart Milk Fund.

His suggested amateur team is: G. von Cramm (Germany), A. K. Quist (Australia), H. W. Austin (Great Britain) and D. Budge (U.S.A.).

The best professional team, he says, would be E. J. Perry (Great Britain), H. F. Vines (U.S.A.), H. Nusslein (Germany) and W. T. Tilden (U.S.A.).

(The proposal to hold open tennis tournaments for amateurs and professionals was rejected at the meeting of the International Federation last week).



On his return to New York from a round-the-world tour, during which he visited Hongkong, Gene Sarazen, above, suggested a Pacific circuit for American professional golfers. According to him the Orient is "nuts about golf." The circuit which he suggests is San Francisco, Honolulu, Japan, Hongkong, Philippines, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and home.

League Football Game Cancelled

The football match in the First Division of the League arranged between the Club and Kowloon for this afternoon has been cancelled by the Association. The game will now be played on Saturday on the Club ground.

TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Wins For Wah Yan And Confucian

Wah Yan College beat Sai Nam College by four games to one and the Confucian Society defeated Wah Yee College by five games to nil in the Men's Table Tennis League last evening.

WAH YAN v. SAI NAM
Ching Wing-lat (Wah Yan) beat Lok Ping-yu 2-1.
Ip Sik-ming (Wah Yan) beat Sin Po-kan 2-0.
Ng Pui-ho (Wah Yan) beat Leung Wing-cheong 2-0.
Ma Yin-wah (Wah Yan) beat Yik Chee-woon 2-0.
Hui Sul-chung (Wah Yan) lost to Yue Yok-kei 0-2.
CONFUCIAN v. WAY YEE
Sui Shui-nang (Confucian) beat Chong Sue-kwang 2-0.
Cheng Pui (Confucian) beat Mo Man-kin 2-0.
Poon Sai-fong (Confucian) beat Li Ka-hung 2-0.
Sui Shui-kow (Confucian) beat Li Chang-kwong 2-0.
Lau Kwok-chu (Confucian) beat Ho Shui-ping 2-0.

ENGINEERS BEAT AIR FORCE

In an interesting friendly table tennis match played at the Cheero Club last night, the Royal Engineers defeated the Royal Air Force by six games to three.

Full results were as follows:—
Land (R.E.) beat Harris 21-12;
21-14, Gill (R.E.) beat Hillier 21-10;
21-15; Keefe (R.E.) beat Nicholas 21-12, 21-10; Pharaoh (R.A.F.) beat Bateman 22-21, 21-10; Sowerbutts (R.A.F.) beat Howland 21-17, 26-24; Muffin 21-7, 21-7.
Hillier and Pharaoh (R.A.F.) beat Land and Gill 21-12, 21-14, 21-19; Bateman and Keefe (R.E.) beat Harris and Nicholas 21-7, 21-10, 21-13; Muffin and Howland (R.E.) beat Moffat and Sowerbutts 21-10, 21-14.



Action picture of Narayan Singh, who won the senior shot-put at the Queen's College sports last Saturday. (Photo: Ng Sul-ching).

GRAND NATIONAL PROSPECTS No Outstanding Horse In Race

London, March 22.

There is no really outstanding horse in this year's Grand National Steeplechase which will be run at Aintree on Friday, March 25.

The firm state of the going may give the faster and younger horses better chances. The conditions should result in a larger number of horses completing the race and unusually fast going.

Mr. Herbert Myth, trainer of one of the younger runners, the seven-year-old Blue Shirt, fully expects his steayer to win. Indeed at weights, he seems an excellent bet, but French supporters think that Takover Pacha will repeat Luthur's success of 1930 and be the first six-year-old to win since Ajlissloper in 1915.

A large contingent of prominent all-Irish runners give rise to the hope of the first all-Irish victory since Troy Town in 1920. Delachance and Rockquill are considered to have excellent chances, while other fancied horses are Dominick Cross, Frobsisher, Lough Cottage and Red Knight.—Reuter Special.

Attractive Badminton Promised

Wong And Hui In Men's Singles Final To-day

P. H. Wong (holder) will meet P. K. Hui, of the University, on the Taikoo court to-night in the final of the men's singles badminton championship.

With both men playing in such fine form, a splendid game is assured. Each has played only two matches to enter the final. Their records to date are as follows:

WONG

Beat S. W. Clark 15-4, 15-4.
Beat S. Y. Hon 15-8, 15-5.

HUI

Beat F. Tsang 15-1, 15-5.
Beat C. An 5-15, 15-13, 15-5.

It will thus be seen that Hui has had the harder task in reaching the final. Up against Au, one of the best players in the Colony, Hui looked all but beaten in the semi-finals. He fought back splendidly, however, and pulled the game out of the fire, proving that Wong this evening will have an opponent who will contest the issue right to the end.

LADIES' PROGRAMME

A ladies' knock-out programme will be an added attraction this evening. The entries and draw are as follows:

Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro v. Miss W. Cheung and Miss U. Khoo; Miss A. Remedios and Mrs. M. Wagstaff v. Miss N. Eardley and Miss B. Pollock; Miss R. Summers and Mrs. S. W. Clark v. Miss M. Frazer and Miss J. Cunningham; Miss S. Remedios and Mrs. N. Castro v. Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Ribeiro.

GOLF CAMBRIDGE LEADING OXFORD At Conclusion Of Foursomes

London, Mar. 22.

At the end of the foursome today, Cambridge University led by three Varsity golf match against Oxford University, played on the Royal North Devon's links at Westward Ho!

All but one of the matches were one-sided, the closest being that in which Langley and Goodban (Cambridge) defeated Physick and Bond by one up.

The matches were over 36 holes. Scores:

Scott and Lawrie (Oxford) beat Carter and Winton (Cambridge) 10 and 9.

Langley and Goodban (Cambridge) beat Physick and Bond (Oxford) one up.

Booth and Withlaw (Cambridge) beat Foster and Harvey (Oxford) 7 and 6.

Walker and Pether (Oxford) beat Dalley and MacGregor (Cambridge) 5 and 3.

Howe and Casson (Cambridge) beat Plimpton and Garrow (Oxford) 6 and 5.

The singles will be played tomorrow.—Reuter.

A PAINTED HORSE-SHOE FOR LUCK

Helped Braddock In Recent Fight

Discussing the fight between the 32-year-old Jimmy Braddock, former heavy-weight champion of the world, and Tommy Farr, the Welshman who holds the British and Empire heavy-weight titles, the American news-magazine Time had this to say:

Whether seasoned Jim Braddock had deliberately conserved himself during the early rounds, saving his energy and his aging legs for a smash-bang wind-up, or whether he had been momentarily rejuvenated by a desperate will-to-win, aided and abetted by the exhilarating encouragement from the galleries, no two fans seemed to agree. But in his dressing-room after the fight, Jim Braddock probably had the answer: a rabbit's-foot charm and a painted horse-shoe. To his merry, milling admirers he explained that the horse-shoe had been presented to him just before the fight by John F. ("Jafie") Condon, onetime intermediary in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, who had received it from onetime world champion Bob Fitzsimmons, who had fashioned it with his own hands in 1890. "And," added Braddock, "it's been lucky ever since."

Braddock entered the ring an 8-to-5 under dog but won the ten-round bout on points.

The film of the fight is being shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

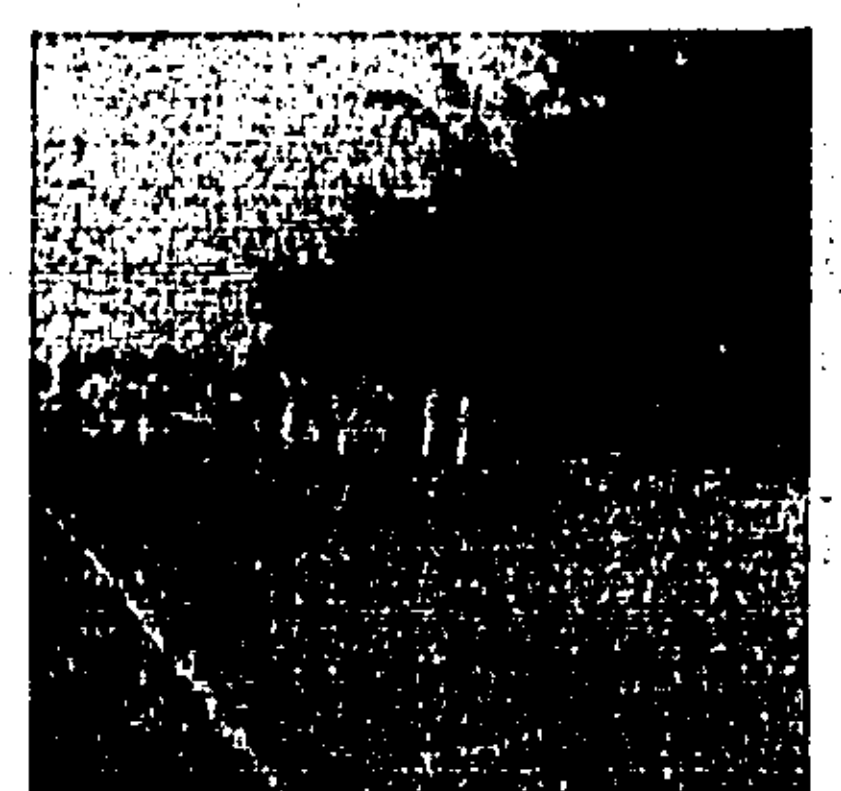
FORMER GOLF CHAMPION TO GET MARRIED

London.

Miss Helen Hicks, the former United States women's golf champion, is to be married to Mr. Whitney Harb, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mr. Harb, who is in the motor-car business, is a well-known amateur golfer in Arkansas.

Miss Hicks, now a professional is employed by sporting goods concerns. At one time or another, she has held virtually every major women's title in America and now holds the Western Open Championship. She expects to defend this title next June in Denver, Colorado.—Reuter.



Invitation relay race in progress at the Queen's College sports. The event was won by L. S. S. College. (Photo: Ng Sul-ching).

CAN AUSTRALIA WIN THE DAVIS CUP?

They Have An Excellent Chance This Year

A writer in the Sydney Referee believes that Australia has good prospects of victory in the 1938 Davis Cup competition, despite the many handicaps facing touring sides which have to travel long distances in search of the Cup.

He bases his conclusions on the fact that Australian teams invariably do better in the season following visits of overseas teams to the Commonwealth.

The Davis Cup went in 1937 to a truly worthy holder in America, after an absence of many years. But, says the writer, it is unquestionably due to the brilliancy of one man, Donald Budge.

As Perry was for England so also is Budge for America, a great champion. While Budge remains an amateur I feel sure the Davis Cup will remain with America.

However, in these days, challenges for the Cup are not the only danger to the nation holding it. Another danger—perhaps the more potent of the two—is the lure of professionalism.

It is therefore conceivable that America will have a very big obstacle to overcome to maintain the present outstanding prospects for success in 1938.

Much has been written about (1) Australia's 1937 defeat by America; (2) what Australia's future prospects are; (3) what is being done about Australia's young potential Davis Cup representatives.

POSITION "NOT SO BAD"

A survey of the various matches, and a glance at the scores, suggest an absolute debacle. Perhaps when one reconsiders the whole position, it is not so bad after all.

I always reckoned the match against America as the virtual final round—the winners would wrest the Cup from England in the challenge round. This, of course, is what actually happened, so really Australia's defeat, although overwhelming, is not quite so distasteful as it might seem.

Then again only our second team took the court against the brilliant Americans, and even these players, the inexperienced Bromwich with Crawford—could not have been at their best, particularly in the atmosphere of uncertainty with regard to their health which pervaded the minds of all the team immediately preceding the match.

They must have been dejected and upset at the bad luck which had befallen them, after such a serious preparation over many weeks.

I am not suggesting that this was the reason for the success of the Americans. They played magnificently, and doubtless would have accounted for our best team, yet not so convincingly.

"MOST UNFORTUNATE"

The Australians are most unfortunate in having to travel so far and so often in their quest for the Davis Cup. This has a very upsetting effect on touring teams. The different climates, people, food, surfaces of tennis courts, types of balls, methods of stringing rackets, light, etc., all tend to make it difficult for the members of a touring team to produce their best form.

One has to experience the upsetting influence of the different conditions to understand fully how difficult it is to produce the same brand of tennis while on tour as one does in one's own country.

To illustrate the point further, I

would refer to the visit of Menzel, Muler, De Stefani, Kirby, Brugnon and Boususs.

All these were brought to Australia, to compete in the Victorian Centenary championships, and played in the various States of Australia. They were all outstanding players, widely travelled and experienced, who had many outstanding performances. The writer played with and against many of them, and was closely associated with them off the court.

Continually they were lamenting inability to strike their best form. They repeatedly drew attention to the difficulties encountered with regard to light, court surfaces, makes of ball, method of racket stringing, etc.

Not at any time was any of them satisfied with his display.

It was almost impossible after seeing them in action against Crawford, McGrath, Quist, etc., to imagine they could ever offer serious opposition to our best players. Their form was too bad to be true, having in mind their performances overseas, and particularly victories over our own men. I therefore affirm that the ever-changing conditions which confront touring players are a severe handicap.

HOW AMERICANS DID IT

Many critics have said that Australia, does not prepare and encourage her younger players. Quist seems to be the only one who has escaped criticism. Maybe it was lucky for him in this regard that he was ill.

Did America get panicky when we beat them in 1937? No sir. They just set about a methodical rearrangement with regard to their outstanding players and the 1937 series show the result, and this is what has been done in Australia.

Unquestionably McGrath, Quist, and Bromwich have proved their worth. It seems that an intensive coaching scheme should be arranged for these players—they have the ability. They are all young. They now have experience, and that which is lacking with regard to faulty stroke making would soon be rectified.

The 1937-38 visit of the Germans and the Americans will do much to help these lads along. The visitors will have varying conditions to cope with, and will find our players very much more difficult to defeat under their home conditions.

I feel sure that von Cramm and Henkel are going to find it most difficult to defeat Quist, McGrath and Bromwich—Budge alone may prove outstanding. His team mates will find the same difficulty as the Germans.

Our 1938 Cup team will be more confident and capable, and much more difficult to defeat, after these international visits. Jack Crawford always showed outstanding form in tours abroad immediately following the visit of international champions to Australia. This is what I confidently expect to happen this year with Quist, McGrath and Bromwich.

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INTER-UNIT CRICKET

Royal Engineers To Meet Middlesex In Final

The final of the Inter-Unit cricket competition between the Royal Engineers and 1st. Bn. The Middlesex Regiment will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31, on the Kowloon Cricket Club ground.

Play will commence at 10 a.m. each day, and stumps will be drawn at 4 p.m.

CEYLON TOURISTS

Expected to Commence Matches in Malaya on April 9

The Ceylonese cricket team to tour Malaya is expected to arrive at Penang on April 7, and commence a three-day match against the Federated Malay States on April 9. The tourists will play against All Malaya in a three-day match on April 10.

One of the finest batsmen to come out of Oxford, F. C. De Sarum, is not expected to take part in the tour, and Mr. V. Mendis, who is organising the tour on behalf of the Ceylonese community, is sending a special cable to Ceylon requesting that De Sarum be allowed to travel.

G. J. BRYAN RETURNS

Capt. G. J. Bryan, of the Royal Engineers, a Kent cricketer and one of the best batsmen to play in Malaya, arrived back in Singapore on board the Somersetshire recently. Bryan's return will be a great acquisition to Malaya's cricket. He has played a lot there, but has been away for several years.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 26th March, 1938, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12.15 p.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1. Boy in advance. Telephone 21820.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The Price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary. Hongkong, 21st March, 1938.

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pass judgment on a murder he committed!

The Jungles Secret

TO-MORROW ALHAMBRA

Successful Year For Sports Club

Governor Becomes Honorary Member

The redemption of \$4,400 worth of debentures approved at the annual general meeting of the Sports Club yesterday, was in tune with the successful year described by the Chairman, Major V. E. Duclos, in his report.

There were present Dr. S. To Wong, Vice-Chairman; Mr. H. F. Bunje, Hon. Secretary; and a fair attendance of members.

Major Duclos said in part: Before proceeding with the usual business, I have to recall with regret the death of Mr. E. A. Mitchell, Past Chairman of this Club, and I would ask you all to rise and observe a silence in his respect.

It is with great pleasure that I have to announce that His Excellency the Governor, has kindly consented to become an honorary member of this Club.

During the past year we have been able to keep in touch with Sir Thomas Southern, who as you all will recall, opened this Club on December 4, 1928, and has since that time lent his continued support, as an indication of which I would say that when we offered to return his proportion of the redemption made of the Club's debentures during 1937, he asked your Committee to accept it as a donation to the Club, which we have decided to put this money at the disposal of the librarians to purchase suitable publications for your library.

This Club has, since its inception, been subject to the conditions existing in the Colony, and we have had our "ups and downs," and it gives me great pleasure to announce that we are now definitely on the "ups." Last year we redeemed 25 per cent, i.e., \$2,200 of our outstanding debentures, which amount to \$8,800. It is the suggestion of your Committee that we should this year redeem a further 50 per cent, i.e., \$4,400.

The Income and Expenditure Account shows an excess of income over expenditure of \$3,400, which we think you will agree is a satisfactory result. Last year the excess of income over expenditure was \$3,250.

On the income side, subscriptions show an increase of \$620. Although bar sales were greater than last year, the percentage of profit was about three per cent. less. This was due to the increased cost of purchases owing to increased prices due to the fall in exchange.

The Income and Expenditure Account which showed a credit balance of \$1,000 at the beginning of the year, is now increased by the excess of income over expenditure for the year under review, and is shown in the Balance Sheet at \$5,140.

Hospitality

During the past year, arrangements were made completely to redecorate and refurnish the Club and I would like to draw particular attention to re-decoration of the ladies' room.

While this Club has always been noted for its hospitality, I think we have out-done ourselves this year, largely due to the co-operation of Mr. Lau Tak-poo, who made possible our celebrated moonlight cruises.

I wish to compliment Dr. Bunje and Mr. O. A. Smith, on the way they have organized the library, and wish to thank the several members who contributed books thereto.

I am pleased to be able to say that the membership of this Club is 109. During the past year, and we have been able to extend our hospitality to 23 visiting members.

During the past year, new arrangements have been made for catering whereby the Club were not liable to any loss, nor could they participate in any profit, and while your Committee appreciate the excellent food being supplied for a very reasonable charge, it is suggested to the governing Committee that they look into the possibilities of securing for the Club some small profit in this department.

Since its inception, the Sports Club has been responsible for holding selling sweeps in connection with the Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club. This practice was continued this year. I am pleased to say that thanks to Mr. H. F. Bunje, we again show a fair profit, and sincerely hope that the Club will continue to hold these sweeps, which not only show a reasonable profit to the Club, but supply a *raison d'être* for a general getting together of the members and their friends.

While on racing, I would say it is the considered opinion of your Committee that we should retain the Sports Club Box, which is appreciated and strongly supported by your members.

As usual, the Sports Club donated a Cup to the winner of the Hongkong Stakes, won this year by Mr. S. W. Tang, riding his own pony, Louis XIV. The Cup was duly presented after the race by my wife.

Debenture Redemption

I take this opportunity of again thanking the members of the Club for the presentation they made to my wife and myself on the occasion of our marriage just about a year ago, and needless to say, this is one of our priceless treasures, which will be carefully kept and revered in the family.

Before closing, I wish to thank the members of the Committee and the several sub-committees for their assistance and co-operation during my tenure of office. I would like particularly to mention the name of Mr. H. F. Bunje, the Hon. Secretary, who has put in so much of his valuable



Pat Paterson and Kenny Baker in Waller Wanger's "52nd Street," showing to-morrow at the King's Theatre.

WAH YAN OLD BOYS

First Annual Athletic Meeting Arranged

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association has arranged its first annual athletic meeting on April 17 at the South China ground. The programme includes entertaining items, and is the first of its kind to be held by a past students' association.

Past students desirous of taking part should get in touch with the following:—Messrs. Ko Fook-sun, c/o Tai Wo Hing; Kwan Man-wai and Cheung Yan-sung, c/o Wah Yan College; Tam Sik-poon, c/o South China Morning Post; and Yee Susan c/o Wah Yee College.

The programme includes tennis football and races over several distances. There will also be a 1,000 metres relay race open to the Colony. The Wah Yan College will hold its annual athletics at the same ground to-morrow when an item of 100 metres is open to past students about 1 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE

Play-Offs For Stanley Cup On Thursday

New York, Mar. 21. Play-offs for the Stanley Cup between the winners and runners-up in both American and National Divisions of the Ice Hockey League will commence on Thursday.

The Division champions' play-offs will be held at Toronto, and will be the best of five matches. The winner is to meet the ultimate winner of the play-offs between the runners-up, of whom the Americans and Rangers will play the best of three matches at New York, and the Canadians and Blackhawks will clash in a similar series at Montreal.

Of the two Division champions, Boston Bruins are eight-to-five favourites, while the Toronto Maple Leafs are quoted at three-to-one against winning.—United Press.

time working on behalf of your Club. (Applause). I am sure the members have seen the several improvements which have been put into effect, and that they also appreciate the efforts put forward by this Committee. I now formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the year 1937, and after this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

Mr. A. Gillard seconded, and the motion was approved.

The Chairman then said: The next business is the redemption of 50 per cent. of the debenture in accordance with the terms of issue. As you will see from the Statement of Accounts, we have \$7,500 cash at the bank, and adopting the policy started last year of redeeming the debentures as soon as possible, your Committee, after most careful consideration, have decided to recommend a further redemption of 50 per cent. of the outstanding debentures, that is, \$4,400 of the original \$8,800, leaving a balance outstanding of \$2,200. I now formally propose that the club redeems 50 per cent. of this debenture forthwith.

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Chairman said: Your Committee begs to recommend to the incoming Committee the revision of the Articles of the Association of the Club. These Articles were drawn up about ten years ago, and several of them have become obsolete and cumbersome.

Messrs. T. A. Martin & Co., auditors were re-elected.

Committee Elected

The following officers were elected:

General Committee: Messrs. W. T. Stanton, H. H. H. Priestley, E. Abraham, H. F. Bunje, C. M. Monner, A. Gillard, Dr. S. To Wong, Messrs. U. Sze-wing, Lam Ming-fan, Wong Sik-chung, Henry Lo, Horace Lo.

Ballotting Committee: Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. J. Lowrie, J. J. Edgar, F. W. T. Ross.

Dr. F. Bunje thanked the Chairman for the services he had rendered the Club during the past year, and the Chairman in reply gave credit to the assistance he had received from his committees.

COTTON'S BROTHER RETURNS TO GOLF

London, Mar. 1. Leslie Cotton, brother of Henry, has returned to professional golf after three years' absence. He gave up his position at Coudson Court Club for the estate business. Using his brother's methods, he is to teach golf for at least two months. He gives lessons in his garden, where he has floodlit nets. Leslie Cotton, who is a year older than Henry, has decided to play in some of the big tournaments this season.—Reuter.

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4 m/s France	10.65
30 d/s India	.83 1/4
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Town Has Engagement Book

Ellsworth, Me. The town has established a "community engagement book." The book has been placed in Fred Scott's store. Any group planning a public entertainment enters it on the scheduled date. Other groups will then know that this date has been taken and conflicting dates will be avoided.

Beasts On African Stamps

Cape Town. Wild animals will be seen on stamps being issued by the South African National Parks Board of Trustees. The stamps will give publicity to the great game sanctuary, Kruger Park, and 800,000 of them are on order.

Dog Commits Suicide

West Hartlepool, England. A small black dog, apparently tired of life, committed suicide here. The dog walked slowly across the Union Dock to the quayside and gazed dejectedly into the water. For a few minutes it waited, then plunged over.

British Leisure to Be Studied

London. The first "leisure survey" ever undertaken in Great Britain is to be conducted by a group of psychologists and educationalists interested in knowing how much free time people have and what they do with it.

Tribute To British Tennis Ace

Hare's Service And Overhead Play

London. C. E. Hare, the British Davis Cup player, is considered to have, with David Jones, the best service and also to be the best player overhead, according to a list drawn up by an American writer for the American magazine, *Lawn Tennis*, in which he gives the best exponents of the various aspects of the game of lawn tennis.

Here is the list: best court manager—Gottfried Cramm; best service—C. E. Hare and David Jones; best volley—R. L. Riggs; best backhand—Gottfried Cramm; best backhand—Donald Budge; best overhead—C. E. Hare; best half-volley—G. Mangin and Gilbert Hunt; fastest—J. Yamagishi; slowest—J. McDiarmid; most severe—Donald Budge; steady—B. M. Grant and R. L. Riggs; headiest—F. Parker; least graceful—A. H. Hendrix; best lobber—Riggs; most promising—D. McNeill; best drop shot—Yamagishi; best chop—F. Parker.—Reuter.

Lincolnshire Handicap To-day

Probable Starters And Jockeys For Big Race

London, Mar. 22. The following is the amended list of probable starters for the Lincolnshire to be run to-morrow:

Zalmis (Gethin), Consequential (D. Paul), Kyles (Minard (Cliff Richards), Booser's Gloom (Robertson), Apollo (Sharples), Llanarmon (Weston), Judo (Doyle), Walter's Pride (Howard), Inisbofin (Hunter), Port Sunlight (Gilchrist), Learnington (Sharpe), Colleur de Rose (Wildier), Scarlet Princess (Evans), Thankyou (Sammy Wrang), Allegiance (Harry Wrang), Ticea Gail (Marshall), Belami (Beary), Phakos (E. Smith), Moody (Gordon Richards), Gallowgate (Caldwell), Starflyer (Maher), Aldine (Richardson), Squadron Castle (Neve), Hornpipe (Siret), Galsolina (Wells), Peggy Lad (Dyson), Lone Mount (Christie), Farmer Giles (Lacey), Cocus (Gilbert) and Torlaine (Lynch).

No jockeys have yet been assigned for Paul Beg and Dead Level. Doubtful starters are Pampas Grass, Scarlet Princess, Llanarmon, Booser's Gloom, Cocus and Torlaine.—Reuter.

Davy Jones Out

London, Mar. 22. Davy Jones has been scratched from the Grand National.—Reuter.

TOURNAMENT HOCKEY

China's Selections To Meet Portugal

The following have been chosen to represent China against Portugal in the International Hockey Tournament to-morrow:—K. F. Chan, S. S. Chin, O. C. Leoh, P. K. Hui, C. H. Teoh, C. L. Hui, K. S. Cheng, P. G. Tang, J. Tsui, L. H. Tan and S. H. Ling. Reserve, L. H. Chiang.

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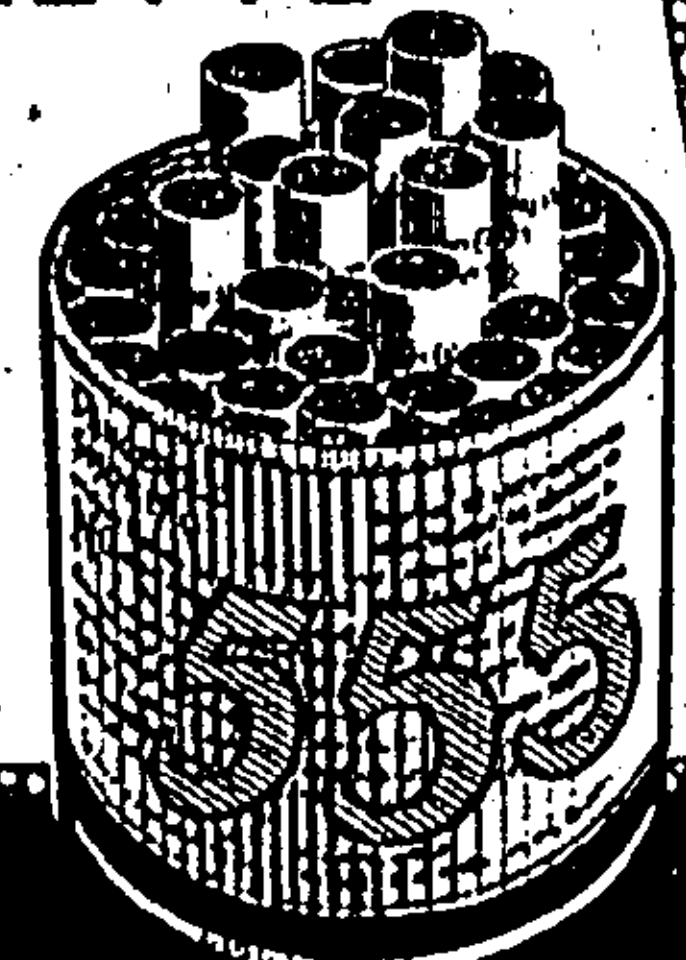
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EXPLAINS WORK OF SALVATION ARMY AMONG H.K. GIRLS

"What kind of young girls are helped in the Home?" This question was answered by Major Dorothy Brazier yesterday when the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls held its annual meeting at Embankment Road, Kowloon.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, was present, and Sir Atholl MacGregor, presided.

As Bishop Hall was unable to be present Mrs. V. E. Rolfe opened proceedings with a prayer. Col. Rolfe then spoke about the good work done by the Home. He remarked that besides this Home, they had several other centres of spiritual evangelism in Kowloon City and also in Canton. Over 150,000 people were attended to in the four centres in Canton alone. They had an excellent food depot in Wanchai, where 1,000 people were fed at a cost to the Home of only \$15 a day. They were very fortunate in Canton in having at their disposal the large Ho Nam Theatre, which could accommodate 3,000 people. Another depot in Canton dealt with the clothes donated by friends.

They had six flats, almost entirely full of clothes, which the officers used for the poor and needy under their care. They also had a special centre for the wretched refugee women and children in Tungshan, which had been badly bombed.

ANNUAL REPORT

Major Brazier, in the annual report, said:

In addition to the juvenile girls remand work the Home continues to fulfil its mission to receive and help both rescue and preventative cases, but the need for classification is becoming so urgent that it has a right to be emphasised in the beginning of this report.

So often the question is asked "What kind of young girls are helped in the Home?" Our friends here this afternoon have been supplied with a few statistics, that not only answer that question but also give a little idea of the problem the Home officers are facing every day, owing to the fact, that, into this one Home are received every type of girl, woman, and child irrespective of age or difficulty.

The juvenile offenders committed to the Home by the Magistrates are instructed in making Chinese clothes out of any European garments that are sent to us. We always welcome parcels of discarded clothing, because it not only gives the girls useful employment but keeps us fairly well supplied with clothes for these girls to wear when they come to us, as they nearly always do, very poorly clad and none too clean.

Great credit is due to the three women responsible for the care of the juvenile offenders, the fact that none of their charges attempted to escape during those weeks, when, owing to the typhoon our garden lay open to the road, surely speaks well for the spirit maintained among the girls. Our greatest anxiety is caused by undesirable relatives hanging around outside, and on that account we tender our sincere thanks to Mr. King for having the fence replaced by a wall that makes it a little more difficult for relatives to get in touch with the girls. (Laughter).

MAKE GOOD PROGRESS

Quite a number of girls sent from the Courts have, of their own request on the expiration of their period of detention, been transferred to the Salvation Army part of the Home, and are continuing to make splendid progress.

One such, a 14-year-old girl, was sentenced by the Magistrate to four months detention for larceny of jewellery from her mistress. She served her time, and then asked if she could be given a further chance in the care of the Home. She was transferred, and became one of our brightest girls. A few months ago she asked for an interview with the Officer in Charge and explained that when she stole the jewellery she also stole \$10. Although her mistress had not missed the money, and no one knew of the theft, she wanted to own up and refund the money.

During the year of the 439 girls helped in the Home only about one per cent. had heard the Gospel before.

HOME CASES

Under the heading "Reasons for admission, Home Cases" (that is, girls who are received from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and other sources, distinct from the juvenile remand cases) it will be noticed that seven were rescued from brothels. The fact that each of these girls were under 15 years of age brings before us again the great need for a separate Home, where this kind of preventative work could be carried on so much more effectively. We trust it will not be too long before something is done to help bring such a Home into existence.

It is astounding how many people are prepared to make a living out of helpless little children. One of the most pitiable sights ever to enter the Home, was a little girl, said to be nine years of age. She was the victim of exploitation for begging purposes, carried about with scarcely a stitch of clothing by a lazy scamp of a man who posed as her father. The child was deaf and dumb, totally paralyzed in the lower part of its body and powerless to help herself in any way. Her jaws were almost fixed and she was decidedly mentally deficient. If only we could have been given a hope that her condition might have

improved it would have been a joy to serve that little creature, but on admission to hospital she was pronounced a hopeless case.

TERRIBLE TEMPER

When tempted to wonder why some of the girls who come to us have such terrible tempers, we do well to remember how they have been robbed of what to most of us is such a precious memory, a happy childhood.

It is interesting to note that at least 35 of the 48 girls admitted under the heading of "Home Cases" who were in the Home during 1937 were sold when quite small and few have any knowledge of the whereabouts of their parents.

The memory of a Christian mother and an appeal made on her behalf by the Officer, has helped many a wayward English girl to do the right thing. What a difference to their little Chinese sister who, often in early childhood is sold into a strange family and possibly resold, with very little hope of seeing her mother again. To try and get such a one to believe you are sincere in your desire to help her is no easy task, she has been suspicious of folk all her life, and she is not going to allow her confidence to be won too easily. Sometimes it is not until after some of our most difficult problems have left the Home that they wake up to the fact they have been helped round a very difficult corner.

While, like every other worker for God, we sometimes have to face the fact that not every girl makes good, yet we dare not sit with Elijah under the Juniper Tree, for we are reminded that the end is not yet, and after all, as said the wise man of God, "thou knowest not which shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

SELF-SUPPORT

One concluding note regarding the finances of the Home. During the year the Government has made grants towards the maintenance of the Home. The Home girls have been kept busy making bedspreads and other useful articles which have brought in \$1,220 towards their support.

After receiving these grants and local industries the balance was pro-

vided by the generosity of our friends who so nobly contributed to the annual appeal. We trust that the appeal for 1938, which will be made in the near future, will meet with as ready a response.

To all who have in any way helped to make it possible for this much needed work to be carried on we say a very big "thank you". We would like to make special mention of Dr. (Mrs.) Nash who has so carefully guarded the health of the family during the year. Also of the two friends, Mrs. Fant, and Mrs. De Silva, who on occasions such as this, always undertake to provide that welcome cup of tea for our visitors,

that we trust you will all stay and enjoy at the close of this meeting.

Adjutant D. Lemmon then read a lesson which was repeated in Chinese by one of the small girls helped by the Home, and Miss Mary Shiu sang a hymn.

CREDIT BALANCE

Sir Atholl MacGregor congratulated Major Brazier on her promotion and said it was up to the friends of the Home to see if "the good work was not in any way impeded by lack of funds. The Home was exceedingly grateful for the government grant and he was pleased that the accounts showed a small credit balance. Their motto was "Never withhold assist-

ance from anyone," and he trusted that those present, as well as their friends would do their part in assisting the Home.

The Hon. Mr. T. H. King emphasised the assistance that the Home gave to the Police and the Magistrates by taking in hand the juvenile girls remand work.

Among those present were Major Gen. and Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. and Mrs. North, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Hon. Mr. T. H. and Mrs. King, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Dr. and Mrs. Smalley, Rev. and Mrs. Wells, Dr. Montgomery, Major and Mrs. Cliff, and Mr. Wil- lian Eu.

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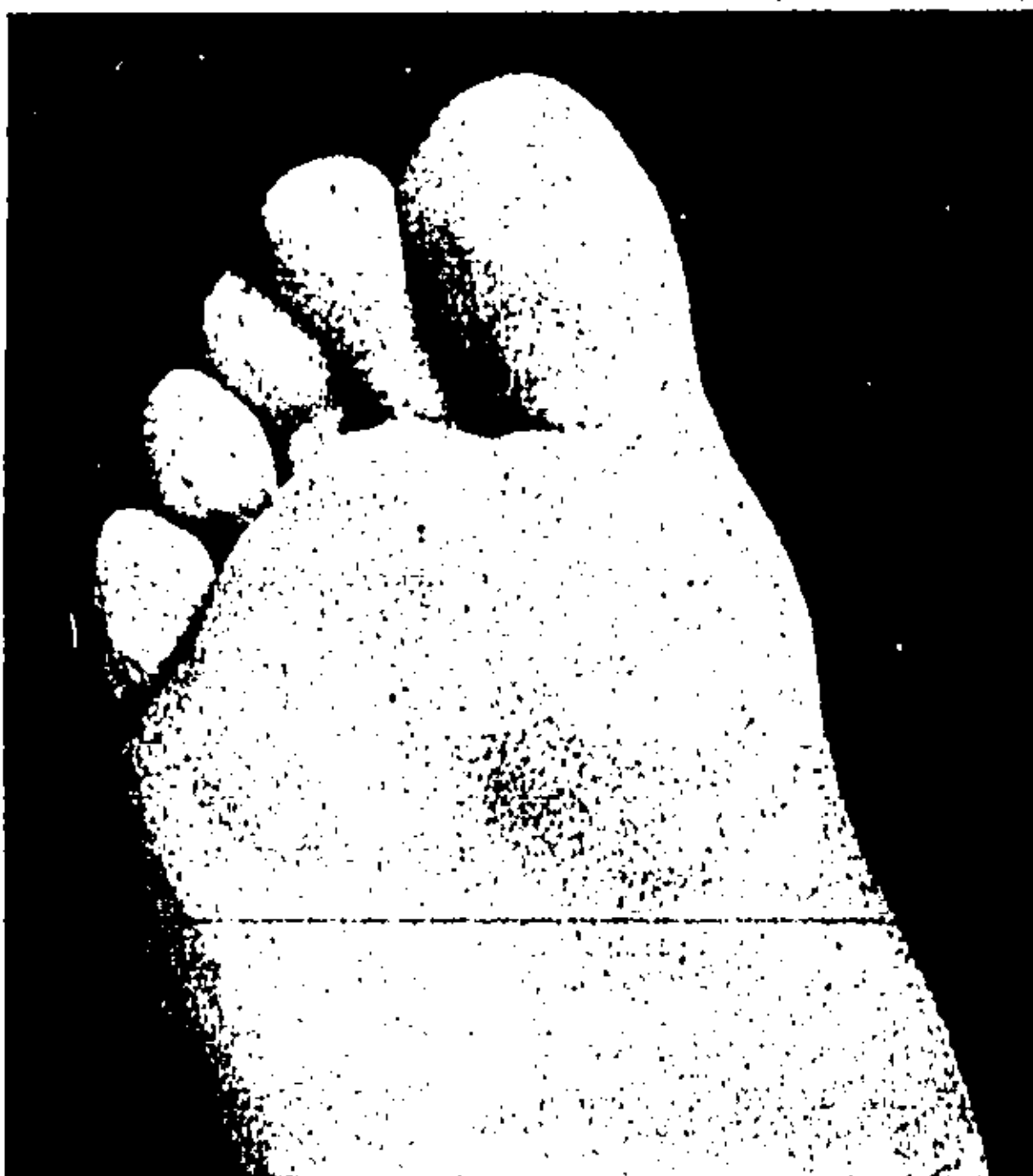
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Usually the disease starts between the toes. Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch off all the skin.

Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

It has been said that this disease originated in the trenches, so some people call it Trench Foot. Whatever the name you give it, however, the thing to do is to get rid of it as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crotch of legs.

Most people who have Athlete's Foot have tried all kinds of remedies to cure it without success. Ordinary germicides, antiseptics, or ointments seldom do any good.

The germ that causes the disease is known as Trichophyton. It buries itself deep in the tissues of the skin and is very hard to kill. A test made shows that it takes 15 minutes of boiling to kill the germ, so you can see why the ordinary remedies are unsuccessful.

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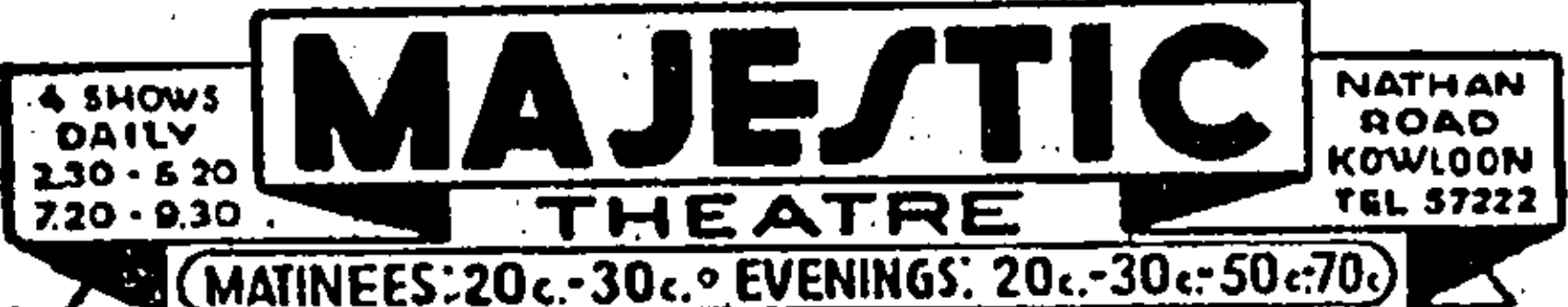


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A father and son, Law Kam-yam and Law Yuk, were attacked by a chopperman with a chopper at an unnumbered hut on a hill behind Nam On Lane, Shaokwan, yesterday evening.

It is understood that Law Sun, the clansman, was the occupant of the hut, the father and son went to see him about a debt which the father had incurred about ten years ago. An argument ensued when details of the loan were brought up, and it was alleged that Sun took up a chopper and attacked the two visitors, causing injuries to their arms, faces and heads.

The assailant ran down the hill toward the Fung Keong Rubber Factory, followed by a crowd. It so happened that a European traffic sergeant came on the scene and had the attacker taken into custody.

RAJAH OF SARAWAK HOLIDAYS

His Highness the Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, has gone on leave to England.

His Chief Secretary, Mr. Edward Parnell, issued the following proclamation, just received, on March 20:

"Whereas We are about to leave the State to-day, and whereas We shall be absent from the State for a period of about seven months:

"Now, therefore, Know Ye All Men whom it may concern that We hereby appoint Edward Parnell, Chief Secretary, to administer the Government of the State during Our absence, and We enjoin that all respect and obedience be paid to the said Edward Parnell in this position.

C. V. BROOKER,
Rajah.

PANAY BOMBING COSTING JAPAN OVER \$2,000,000

Washington, Mar. 22. The State Department announces that the American Ambassador to Tokyo has presented to the Japanese Government an account for damages arising from the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay. The amount involved is not disclosed, but it is believed to be over U.S.\$1,000,000.

Included in the American estimate are damages for three tankers bombed on the same day as the Panay incident.

The Japanese Government has already promised to pay full indemnity for these bombings.—Reuter.

OVER TWO MILLIONS

Washington, Mar. 22. It is now revealed that the Panay note to Japan stated that the United States Government finds that "the amount of property losses sustained" is \$1,045,070.01, and "the amount of indemnification which should be paid in deaths and personal injury" is \$208,337.35.

The note points out that no item for punitive damages is included, and the amount asked for represents only actual property losses and a conservative estimate of personal damages.—Reuter.

REFUGEES' ASYLUM IN BRITAIN LIMITED

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irrespective of means, whose work in the world of science, arts, business and industry, might prove advantageous to Britain.

SPECIAL MACHINERY

Mr. G. le M. Mander (Lib) asked if special machinery would be set up to help guide people in regard to their chances of going to England.

Sir Samuel said he thought some further organisation would be necessary, and he also undertook to take account of the suggestion by Mr. Thomas Edmund Harvey to communicate with the dominions in these cases. He said he would look into the matter of accepting a guarantee from Britons prepared to offer homes to the refugees.

The House subsequently refused, by 210 votes to 142, to give leave to Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Lab) to introduce a Bill going beyond Sir Samuel's statement with regard to the immigration and naturalisation of Austrian refugees.—Reuter.

POLICE CONFISCATING PRIVATE ARMS

Vienna, Mar. 22. The police have ordered the surrender of all arms and ammunition by March 25, after which possessors of firearms and ammunition will be severely punished.—Reuter Bulletin.

U.S. TREASURY RECEIPTS UP

Washington, Mar. 22. The United States Treasury announced to-day that income tax collections for the first three months amounted to \$688,689,000, exceeding the collections for the corresponding period last year by 5.1 per cent.—United Press.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JAPANESE DOUBT

To The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph,

Sir,—The report in your most honourable newspaper that our Japanese soldiers are in full retreat after severe defeats in North China is false and another propaganda by Chiang Kai-shek's government to diminish our military superiority. Our soldiers having conquered Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai and Nanking, have proved to the world that they are the greatest soldiers this world has ever seen. The famous French Napoleon would grow red in the face if he is alive to-day to see our conquering heroes march from one Chinese city to another. The Europeans in Hongkong do not realise the greatness of our soldiers, that is why they read and believe in such report as "The Rape of Nanking" as published in the press last week which was ably denied by our Excellent Consul-General. The sooner the rest of the world particularly the Chinese know that our soldiers are destined by Divine Right to be the best and the greatest soldiers on earth the better will be for China and the Peace on earth and Good Will to mankind.

NAGARAKI JOE.

STOP PRESS

COMMUNICATIONS SEVERED

Tunglu, Mar. 23. Land communications between Shanghai and Hangchow have been disrupted as a result of the destruction of bridges near Linping on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway and damage done to the highway at Fenghsien by Chinese guerrillas. Repair gangs have been sent to Linping to mend the railway bridges, but the Chinese guerrillas are ready to spring upon them at any moment.—Central News.

CABINET AGREES ON FOREIGN POLICY

London, Mar. 22. There was a full attendance of Ministers at a Cabinet meeting at which, as forecast yesterday, a broad agreement was reached on the lines to be followed by the Premier in his foreign policy statement in the House of Commons on Thursday.

A further meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-morrow, when it is expected final approval to the Premier's speech will be given.—Reuter.

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Admiral Noble will also call on His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton during his cruise.

He is returning to Hongkong to-morrow morning in Tarantula. It is pointed out that this is a purely routine visit and has no political significance.

Wreckage Of Missing Plane Discovered?

London, Mar. 22. The Air Ministry issued a statement to-day saying that the numbers on part of the wreckage of an aeroplane found near Karmo, in Norway, identify the machine as being a Wellesley type.

As the only plane of this type missing is the long-range plane, which has been lost since February 24, the wreckage probably belongs to that plane.

The plane referred to is a Vickers-Wellesley, which set out to practice for a world record long-distance flight. The occupants of the machine were Flight Lieut. F. S. Gardner, Flying Officer G. A. D. Thomson, and Sergeant George Hicks.—Reuter.

CHINESE VICTORIES IN SHANTUNG NOW GET CONFIRMATION

(Continued from Page 1.)

was going on yesterday south-east of Tientsin. In many villages street fighting took place. The Chinese surrounded and wiped out many isolated Japanese parties, using their bayonets and hand-grenades with great effectiveness.

The high level ground south of Tientsin was also the scene of bitter fighting, having changed hands three times during the day. Casualties on both sides mounted hourly as the engagement proceeded. Chinese reinforcements finally outflanked the Japanese troops and regained much ground.

Japanese Beaten Off

After suffering a serious defeat, the Japanese forces on the Linyi front in south-east Shantung launched a counter-offensive on March 21 in an attempt to regain their prestige. The counter-attack, however, was beaten back by the Chinese defenders who put up stubborn resistance.

On the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway the Japanese troops have been taking the defensive. Assisted by peasant volunteers, the Chinese forces have launched constant attacks on the Japanese troops stationed in various cities and the Chinese guerrillas have done considerable damage to the highways between Tingyuan and Hefei, Tingyuan and Fengyang, Tingyuan and Pengpu and Hwaiyuan and Tienchian.

Owing to the disruption of communications and the increasing activities of the Chinese regular and irregular forces, the Japanese at Fengyang, Tingyuan, Kaoheng, Chih-hoehi and Kaoshunchi have closed the city gates and taken strict precaution against Chinese surprise attacks.

Reports from Hwaiyuan state that both the railway stations at Chang-pulling and Shihochi, respectively 64 and 54 kilometres north of Pukow on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, were attacked and recaptured by Chinese mobile units on March 19.—Central News.

Japanese Confront Big Difficulties

Hankow, Mar. 23. Taining, in western Shansi, which at present is in the hands of the Chinese, is the objective of an advance by three Japanese detachments, accompanied by aeroplanes. Already they have clashed with Chinese forces along the east bank of the Yellow River.

Fighting is still raging at Hsiang-ning. Despite the despatch of Japanese reinforcements to Hsiang-ning from Sui-yuan, Chinese troops succeeded in capturing Fenchow on March 18. Meanwhile Chinese troops are pouring into Shansi from the west side of the river, increasing the difficulties of the Japanese forces in that province.—United Press.

WORKERS OF MEXICO BACK CARDENAS' COUP

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mex have filed a brief with the State Department requesting diplomatic action in Mexico. The text of the brief is not revealed.

State Department officials said the Department supported the brief. The Mexican claim is a manifest denial of justice.

The State Department also revealed that the telegraphed reports that American oil workers were being held as hostages were erroneous.—United Press.

ASK ASSISTANCE

Washington, Mar. 22. Alleging that a "manifest denial of justice" had occurred, four American oil companies have filed a brief with United States State Department with regard to their Mexican claims, and with the request that the State Department take direct diplomatic action to help them settle their differences with the Mexican Government.—Reuter.

CHINESE SILVER FOR AMERICA

New York, Mar. 22. The U.S. American Trader, brought 2,000 boxes of Chinese silver coins from London to-day. It is understood they were valued at U.S. \$4,800,000.—United Press.

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CZECHO-SLOVAKIA WON'T SURRENDER

GERMAN GROUPS AMALGAMATE IN BID FOR POWER

But Prague Counts On French Aid to Curb Ambition of Berlin

Prague, Mar. 22.
As a result of the merger between the Agrarian Party and the Sudeten Deutches, under the leadership of Herr Konrad Hehlein, the Sudeten Party is now dominant in the Czechoslovakian Chamber.
The Nazis have hailed the merger as the first step in the fulfilment of Bismark's theory that "The Master of Bohemia is the master of Europe."
Observers regard the newest German step as an "invasion from within."
At the present, despite their 49 seats in the Chamber, the Sudetens' working strength is uncertain, as Czechoslovakian Agrarians control 45 seats, and the remaining 206 are divided among twelve parties.

A Czech diplomat said to-day that the treatment of minorities was guaranteed under the treaty of September 10, 1919, which was deposited with the League. He said that the League Council alone was competent to handle complaints and revisions, and he added that the Treaty of Arbitration of October 10, 1925, agreeing to submit differences to the Hague was sufficient to handle all difficulties which might arise between the Reich and Czechoslovakia. France signed the treaty, and is a guarantor of its execution. We are convinced that France will not fail her signature. Czechoslovakia will not allow herself to be invaded without resisting to the full by force of arms.
The German Agrarian League is merging with the Sudeten Party, thus making the largest party in the Czechoslovakian Chamber, giving the combined party 49 Deputies.
The Sudeten Party has been frankly threatening. In speeches in the Chamber its members have pointed to the events in Austria and hinted at similar developments in Czechoslovakia.—United Press.

No Commitment Likely

London, Mar. 22.
It is reliably stated that Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement on foreign policy, expected Thursday, will sidestep the question of Czechoslovakian independence.
It is understood the Cabinet has decided that Mr. Chamberlain shall (Continued on Page 4.)

BRITISH POLICY OUTLINED

Cabinet Decisions Predicted

London, Mar. 22.
The Government's attitude when Mr. Neville Chamberlain makes his statement in the House of Commons on Thursday, is likely to be:
No special guarantee of military assistance for Czechoslovakia in the event of attack by Germany can be given;
The Soviet invitation to a conference of all democratic powers on Fascist aggression in Europe should be rejected as serving no useful purpose;
The policy of non-intervention in Spain should be continued, but that there appears to be little prospect of the non-intervention Committee being reconstituted;
The Austrian coup shall be regarded as a fait accompli;
The opening of planned Anglo-German conversations is "inappreciable" at the present;
The Italian conversations are "pending" satisfactorily.—Reuter.

No More Gretna Green Marriages

London, Mar. 22.
The Secretary for Scotland introduced to-day the Marriage Scotland Bill giving effect to the recommendations of the Morison Committee on the law of Scotland, relating to the constitution of marriage. The Bill will do away with Gretna Green marriages. No date has been fixed for a second reading, which may not take place till later in the session.—British Wireless.

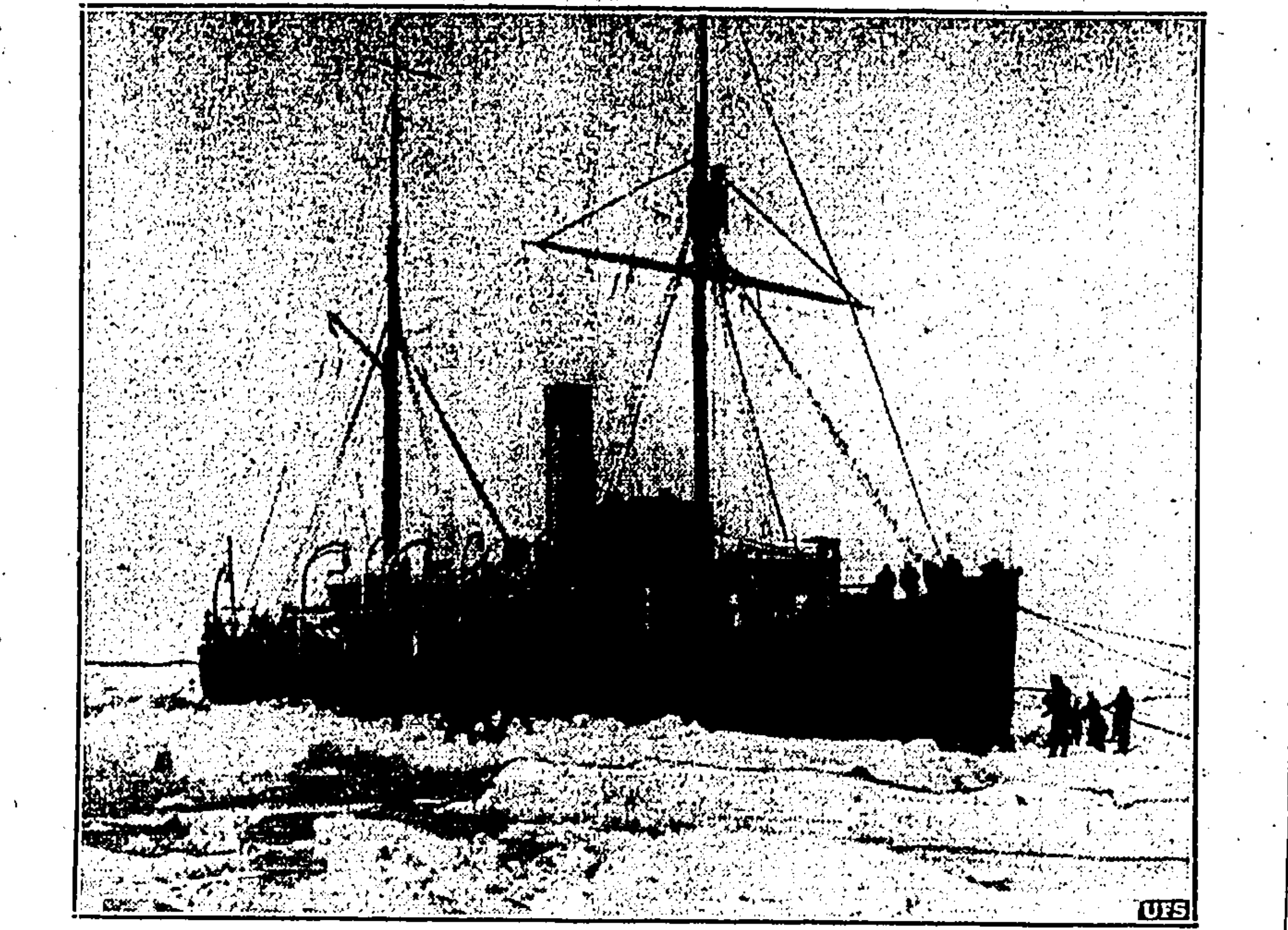
ADMIRAL NOBLE MAY GO NORTH

Visiting West River Squadron To-day

The Telegraph understands that the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, will shortly proceed to Shanghai.
It is probable that while in Shanghai the Commander-in-Chief will confer with the new British Ambassador to China, Sir Archibald Kerr-Clark, who is still in the northern city.
The British Ambassador announced when passing through Hongkong last month that he would proceed to Chungking, the new Chinese capital, as soon as possible, in order to present his credentials to the Chinese Government. For some reason at present undisclosed the Ambassador has apparently changed his plans, and has not yet, so far as is known, presented his credentials.
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NEW BANK OPENING
The Hongkong branch of the Manufacturers Bank of China, Ltd., will be opened at Des Voeux Road Central on Tuesday, March 29, with Mr. T. L. Soong as General Manager.

Many Chinese Victories Now Confirmed

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BRITISH WON'T SELL MINING INTERESTS AT KAILAN

Interested authorities in Hongkong have been making inquiries as to the truth behind a report appearing in a Japanese newspaper that the Japanese are seeking to purchase British interests in the rich coal fields known as the Kailan Mining Administration.
It can be definitely stated that there is no possibility of the British entering into any such negotiations and the only excuse for the article would appear to be "kite flying" tactics by the Japanese. The British interest in these mines is owned jointly with the Chinese, is very large and any change in their administration would be more a Government than a business matter. Since 1931 the K.M.A. and its port of Chingwantao have been under the autonomous Hopen-Charhar Government and for the last seven months more directly under the Japanese government, relations in both cases having been amicably maintained. The controlling interests of the mines are held by the British. Questioned as to the rise in prices of coal, an agent of the K.M.A. said it was due solely to the increased freight and charter costs of shipping on the coast. As a matter of fact, the price in some districts was still cheaper in terms of sterling than it was ten years ago. Production of coal and transport from Chingwantao was proceeding smoothly and Shanghai was now engaged in replenishing the vast stocks she had exhausted during the war in that city.

AUSTRIAN MONARCHISTS FLUNG INTO CELL WITH ORDINARY CRIMINALS

Vienna, Mar. 22.
Ten men, compromising almost the entire directorate of Austria's Monarchist movement, including Herr Maximilian Ernest, have been held in a large cell in the Chief of Police's detention-house for some days. Other inmates are mostly pickpockets and ordinary criminals.
Karl Entres, leader of the Nazi "shop organisation" told the United Press that he had seized the majority of Jewish shops as a gesture of protection from mob plundering, and also in the interests of Aryan employees.
General arrests have included the chiefs of Leftist semi-military organisations, such as General Theodore Koerner, Major Alexander Eider, the former army officer and ex-Socialist leaders.—United Press.

HITLER REJECTS DUKE OF WINDSOR'S PLEA

Paris, Mar. 22.
Well-informed circles state that Herr Adolf Hitler, Reich Chancellor, has sent a message to the Duke of Windsor refusing his plea for the release of Baron Louis Rothschild of Vienna.—United Press.

1,742 ARRESTS

Berlin, Mar. 22.
It is semi-officially stated that 1,742 people are under arrest in Vienna at present. Many have been arrested to "allow a thorough examination of their crimes which were earlier ignored."
The arrested men included Baron Louis Rothschild, Colonel Adam, former head of the Austrian Press Service, Minister Theodore Hornost, Duke Max von Hohenberg, Prince Ernst Hohenberg, Dr. Neumann, two former Mayors of Vienna, two Legationist leaders, and various leaders of the Fatherland Front.—Reuter.

JEW'S BARRED FROM UNIVERSITIES

Vienna, Mar. 22.
A high University authority said to-day that the Nazi programme bars all Jews, regardless of nationality, at the University of Vienna.
One of the measures for the "purification" of educational institutions decrees that all corpses for anatomical research must be certified as Aryan.—United Press.

RAMSAY MACDONALD LEFT £21,500

London, Mar. 22.
The personal estate of the late Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has been proved at £21,500.—British Wireless.

TOWNS RECAPTURED IN SHANTUNG: ANHWEI DRIVE TURNED BACK

Ferocious Fighting On Wide Fronts Continues

Hankow, Mar. 23.
Foreign press messages from southern Shantung have confirmed reports that the Chinese troops recaptured Lincheng on Monday morning, and Shan-chuang in the afternoon. However, Japanese mechanised strength is concentrating attacks along the Tientsin-Pukow railway on the Shantung-Kiangsu border, placing Chinese retention of the two recaptured towns in peril.
Yih sien, 30 miles east of Lincheng, is said to have been the scene of very severe warfare during the past 48 hours, with 3,000 Japanese infantry, 40 tanks, 20 heavy artillery pieces, and 1,000 cavalrymen participating.

JAPANESE ATTACKS REPULSED

Kiangsu-Anhwei Border Clashes

Tunglu, Anhwei, Mar. 23.
The Japanese offensive on the Kiangsu-Anhwei border has been beaten back by the Chinese.
Anchi changed hands again on March 21. The town, which was taken by the Japanese the day before, was recovered by the Chinese in a counter-attack.
The situation at Hsiao-feng and Szean, which was reported tense on March 21 when two Japanese columns closed in, took a favourable turn yesterday upon the arrival of Chinese reinforcements. Heavy downpours during the day kept the Japanese inactive as their mechanised equipment became practically useless because of the muddy terrain.
To relieve the Japanese pressure on Anchi, Hsiao-feng, Szean and Kwangtung towns on the Kiangsu-Anhwei border, Chinese guerrilla units are attacking Wushing and Linghu south of Taihu Lake on the Japanese rear.—Central News.

TRANSFERRED TO SHANTUNG

Chengchow, Mar. 23.
With fighting on the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway developing into a major engagement, the Japanese are transferring large numbers of troops from north Honan to south Shantung.—Central News.

FAIL TO CROSS YELLOW RIVER

Chengchow, Mar. 23.
Under a protective barrage 500 Japanese troops at Fengchiu attempted to cross the Yellow River. They were repulsed by the vigilant Chinese on the south bank.—Central News.

FATAL LEAP FROM BUS

A young Chinese, a man of about 20, was killed instantly to-day when the rear wheel of a bus passed over his head in Nathan Road.

The young man attempted to jump from the bus while it was travelling fairly fast near the intersection of Nathan Road and Cheung Lok Street, close to the Majestic Theatre, at 2.15 p.m.
He lost his footing, fell, and the wheel passed over his head, crushing the skull.

STOP PRESS

Hats have flat crowns

Shallow boaters, plates, double-brimmed sailors, Bretons and tambourines succeed winter's high-peaked styles, says Fashion Editor



MILLINERS have done the low-down on the new hats—some of them are as flat as pancakes. Low crowns and wide brims are replacing the high-crowned models of the last few months. And brims are often rolled and sometimes a couple of inches deep, as in the Suzy model, numbered 1, pictured above.

Here's what Suzy says about her new collection, and, as Suzy is the Duchess of Kent's favourite milliner, you may be sure that what she says "goes."

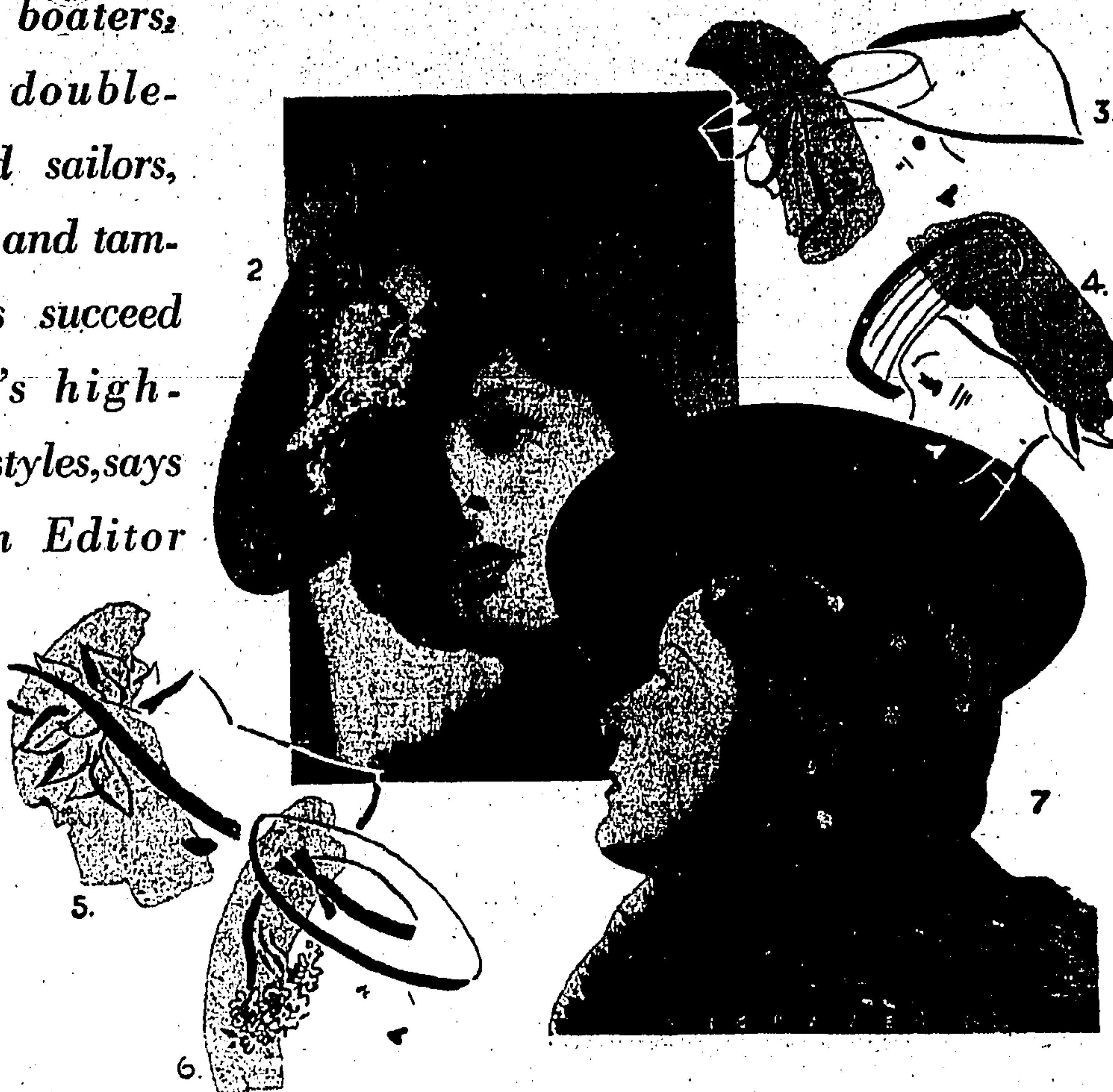
"Our line is entirely changed: very flat crowns, quite a new style... many canotiers and Bretons."

Suzy's new Breton in the picture is made of half grosgrain and half paillasson—there's prophesied a tremendous vogue for the two-material hat, and also for two colours schemes.

ERIK, who is the latest addition to the little colony of Paris milliners and dress designers in London (he opened his London showrooms a few weeks ago), has also got many sailors and Bretons among his new models.

Number Six is his version of the sailor, in fine panama straw, secured with an Hawaiian bandana of mixed flowers.

Many of this hat-man's models have wide ribbon scarves, or wreaths of flowers or little straw bands fitting round the back of the head to hold the hat in place. Everything this season is in the angle at which you wear your hat. It may be tilted over



your nose or over an ear, or in brim at the back, and veils are often accentuated by diminishing the brim at the back. For dressy occasions Reboux presents a model in black paillasson, trimmed with a rosette in coloured ribbon.

A visit to Mexico inspired No. 4, called "Bouton d'Or," made in coarse plaited straw in the deep butter shade that Erik has adopted as his own this season, with a bandeau of deep mauve satin tying at the nape of the neck.

"Blue Bell" is the name given to No. 3, made in fine blue straw with band and bow at the back of the crown, which Erik calls "Soleil d'Erik."

Specially intended for Ascot and the summer garden parties (what a long way off they seem now!) are Nos. 2, 5 and 7.

No 7 is this designer's version of the "Breton." It's set on a bandeau of black satin studded with gold stars and ties in a fly-away bow at the nape of the neck.

AND there are still some halo hats—one specially noticeable made in alternate strips of coarse golden-yellow straw and black felt, and so carrying out both the two-material and two-colour vogue.

Tail-pieces are a feature—a green and purple felt hat has a deep fringe of the green and purple felt hanging down the back; a straw hat has a bunch of tulips under the

TRIMMINGS, throughout

the collections, often Boaters are "launched" with play a more important part thicker brims this year. A Le than the hat itself. Ribbons, Monnier model is in navy blue pleated, embroidered or painted, straw trimmed with a light printed silks, jewellery and blue silk ribbon tied into a bow feathers and used. And of in front. A blue veil is caught course flowers are here, there up under the chin and tied at and everywhere—on the crown, the back.

AGNES' collection is a real flower show! Roses, like a Rose Valois model, made orchids, camellias, gardenias, field flowers, camellias, tuberose, campanulas. Another Rose and other blooms of her own Valois model is a black felt creation artistically shaped in ribbon-velvet, circ—and glass, tamboirine anchored on with a red and white spotted silk rib—are among the endless variety bon which ties in a bow at the of trimmings in her collection.

Moon-dusk, Taupe Mist and Silhouette are the hosiery tones to look out for when matching to the new blues and mauves.

A hat which has the appearance of an inverted corolla, the stalk of which forms the hat ribbon, and another with an enormous petersham white gardenia which in itself makes the whole toque are Agnes' "top hats" for the coming season.

Wide brims turned down over the Picot, panama, paillasson and a forehead are a dominant feature at variety of shiny straws are used in Reboux's. A forward movement is her collection.

How To Plan Your SPRING CLEAN

By GRACE WILSON

HAVE you been feeling that urge to cover up winter's tracks and make some small brightening touches about your home?

Well, here's a note or two on what's new in decoration.

COLOURS are stronger. Four main new ones are striking and will be featured in the fabrics shown at the B.I.F. Two reds: a rich Devon Red and Paprika (the orange-red of pepper); a soft turquoise blue and Mimosa yellow.

FURNISHING SATIN, tufted and buttoned, is used for upholstered furniture; old-fashioned Victorian oval-back mahogany chairs are in vogue again.

WINDOW CURTAINS are one of the new notions, marquisettes or fine nets are gracefully draped. Festooned effects are suggested on pelmets. Fringes appear once again.

MOIRE in lovely colours popular for silk curtains. Printed fabrics used with discretion.

WALL BRACKETS, graceful urns, and huge shells are being sold for holding flowers.

How to Distemper

MANY housewives are now planning to do some distemping. Here are a few hints.

Buy the BEST distemper, which is really like an oil-bound water paint, and thin it down according to the directions given. Apply evenly, in vertical strokes, with a proper distemper brush.

Walls already distempered should be washed down and cracks filled up evenly.

TO give an impression of height buy two shades of one colour and mix some of the two distempers together to make a third. Divide the walls into three horizontally.

Paint the top division with the lightest shade, the second with the mixed distemper and the one nearest the floor with the darkest shade.

taking care that you blend the colours over the joins.

LATEST sandals shown for evening in satin-and-mesh or kid-and-mesh have discreet open toes and closed backs. Sports shoes are mainly in colour. Punched effects and the new soft toe are features.

The New Stockings

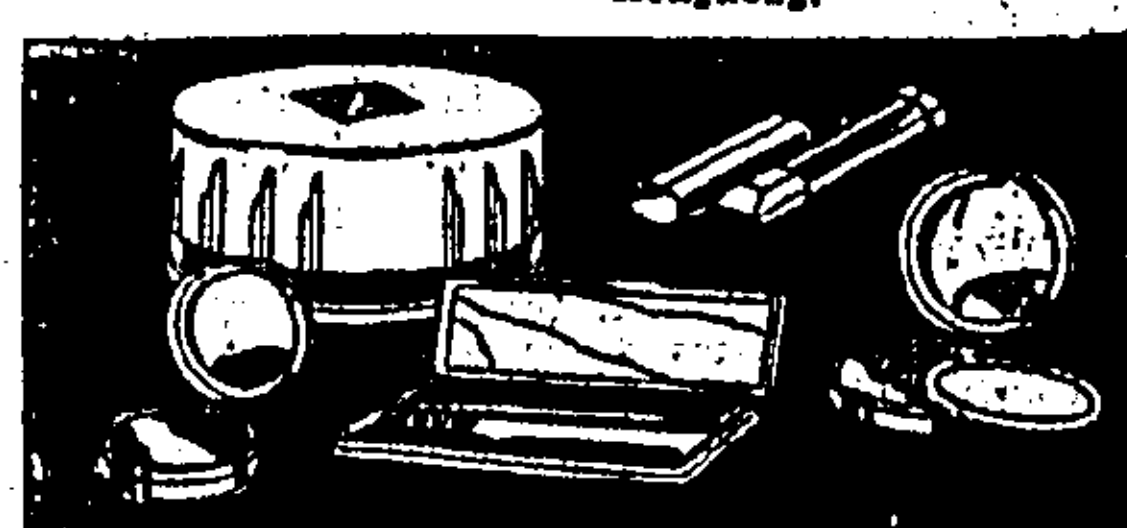
DARKER stockings in sheer weights act as a foil to the clear flowery dress colours this season.

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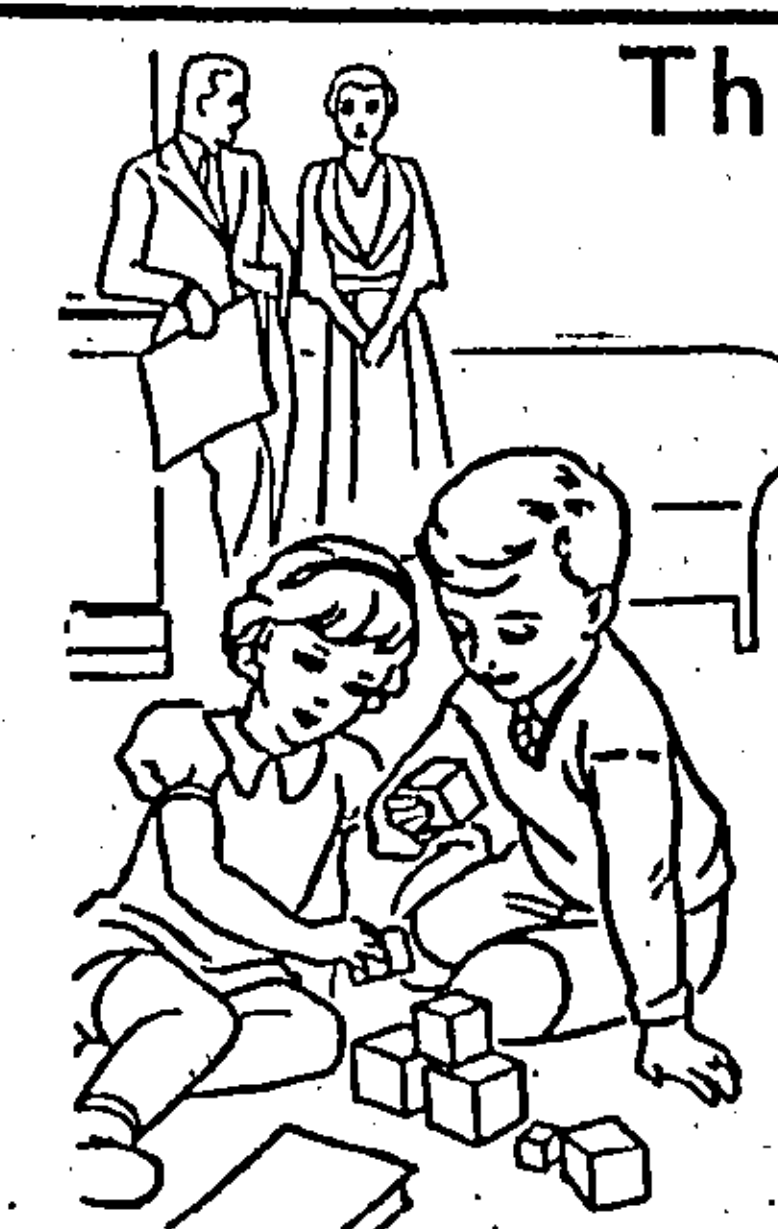
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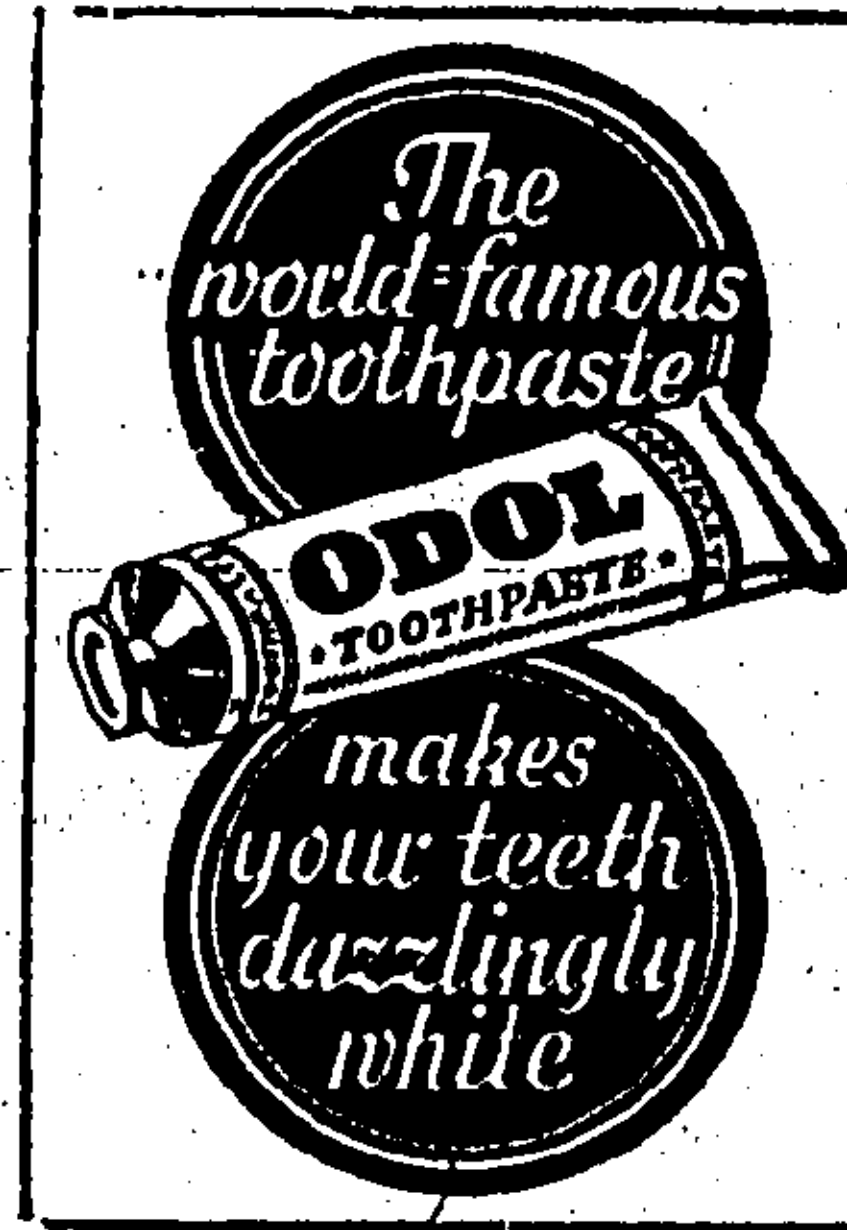


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Shanghai Nervousness Continues

JAPANESE NOW DENY INTERPRETER SLAIN BY MOTOR MARKSMAN

Bomb Flung at British-Owned Newspaper Office

Shanghai, Mar. 23.

In connection with the incident yesterday evening in which the occupants of a motor car were first reported to have opened fire on a group of Japanese killing one, the Japanese Embassy has issued a statement announcing that the dead Japanese was an interpreter in the Japanese Gendarmerie. It adds that he was walking down a street in Hongkew with two companions, when he shot himself.

An investigation is now proceeding to discover whether the death was suicidal or accidental.

At the same time entrances to the Settlement have been re-opened, barricades removed, and the majority of troops withdrawn, though a small extra police force was left on duty for the night.

The reason how the discrepancy between the Japanese Embassy and the police statements arose has not yet been probed. In effect it is immaterial. The main fact which emerges is the acute nervousness in which Japanese and foreigners are living in Shanghai.

Second Incident

A second incident in the Settlement occurred slightly before midnight, when the office of the Chinese vernacular newspaper, the *Standard*, owned by Mr. H.M. Cumine, a Briton, was bombed for the third time in recent weeks.

Unidentified occupants of a motor car alight in front of the office, disarmed the Chinese watchman on duty and re-entered the car from which they tossed a bomb and drove off. The watchman and a passer-by were injured and taken to the hospital, while one Chinese was slightly injured.

No arrests have as yet been made. The plate glass window of the front office was shattered.—*Reuter*.

STOCK MARKET FIRMER

London, Mar. 22. The Stock Exchange to-day was appreciably quieter, but generally firm. Gilt-edged funds attracted a steady stream of smaller investment inquiries. German and Czechoslovakian issues were easier. Home Rails were firm, and Industrials steady. The firm, easily absorbing profit-taking. Affairs were subjected to Paris buying. The French franc, after fluctuating nervously, closed firmer.—*Reuter Special*.

NEW LORD OF APPEAL APPOINTED

London, Mar. 22. The King has approved that Sir Samuel Lowry Porter, a Justice of the King Bench Division of the High Court of Justice, be appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Lord Maugham to be Lord Chancellor.—*British Wireless*.

SURPLUS IN BRITAIN'S EXCHEQUER

Revenue Well Above Expenditure

London, Mar. 22.

A healthy financial position is disclosed in the official returns showing a current exchequer surplus of £11,598,000, compared with a deficit of £15,656,000 this time last year.

Revenue to date amounts to £839,788,000 and expenditure £828,189,000.—*Reuter*.

U.S. TREASURY RECEIPTS UP

Washington, Mar. 22. The United States Treasury announced to-day that income tax collections so far during March amounted to \$685,689,563, exceeding the collections for the corresponding period last year by 5.1 per cent.—*United Press*.

MORE AND MORE RECRUITS

London, Mar. 22. Regular Army recruits from London are last week numbered 137, an increase of 56 over the corresponding week of last year, and the highest number for that week since 1918.—*British Wireless*.

Record Flight At Perilous Ocean Stage

Clouston And Ricketts Hop From Darwin

Port Darwin, Mar. 22. Flying Officer Clouston and Mr. Victor Ricketts took off for Sourabaya at 7.12 a.m. local time, on the most dangerous leg of their flight back to England from New Zealand. The aviators are attempting to establish a new record for the flight from England to New Zealand and back. They have already succeeded in setting a new record for the England to New Zealand flight. They are now somewhere over the Arafura Sea, the kingdom of the shark.—*Reuter*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JAPANESE DOUBT

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph,

Sir,—The report in your most honourable newspaper that our Japanese soldiers are in full retreat after severe defeats in North China is false. Another propaganda by Chiang Kai-shek's government to diminish our military superiority. Our soldiers having conquered Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai and Nanking, have proved to the world that they are the greatest soldiers this world has ever seen. The famous French Napoleon would grow red in the face if he is alive to-day to see our conquering heroes march from one Chinese city to another. The Europeans in Hongkong do not realise the greatness of our soldiers, that is why they read and believe in such report as "The Rape of Nanking" as published in the press last week which was ably denied by our Excellent Consul-General. The sooner the rest of the world particularly the Chinese know that our soldiers are destined by Divine Right to be the bravest and the greatest soldiers on earth the better will be for China and the Peace on earth and Good Will to mankind.

NAGASAKI JOE.

Neutral Belt Of European Nations Plan

Washington, Mar. 22. The Polish Ambassador to Washington to-day revealed plans to create a "neutral belt" of Central European nations, extending from the Baltic to the Black Seas, and including Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and Rumania.

He said that steps in the formation had been taken by all, except Lithuania. He added that the restoration of Polish-Lithuanian relations would be made possible upon the completion of the scheme.

He cited, as an example of the effect of this plan, the "good relations" of all the Baltic States.—*United Press*.

LAY PLANS FOR OCEAN AIRWAYS

Representatives Of Four Nations At Dublin Parley

Dublin, Mar. 22. An International Air Service conference is being held in Dublin in which trans-Atlantic services are being discussed. Representatives from Britain, the United States, Canada and Elre, as well as representatives of the Imperial Airways and Pan-American Airways, are present at the conference, where the question of the carriage of mails and the setting up of wireless and meteorological stations in the countries concerned, are being decided.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

SERVICE THIS YEAR

London, Mar. 22. The International Atlantic Air Conference opened in Dublin to-day, representatives of the United Kingdom, Elre, the United States and Canada being present. There was unanimity regarding an Atlantic service this year, and the purpose of the conference was to discuss the technical aspect of an agreed scheme for mail service. Further experimental flights with newer and faster planes will be undertaken.—*British Wireless*.

OLD OFFENDER CAUGHT AGAIN

A fine of \$250, with the alternative of three months' hard labour, was imposed on Yung Fai, 30, unemployed, by Mr. H. R. Butlers at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he was charged with loitering with intent to commit a felony in Belcher Street yesterday.

Inspector W. Muir sold the principal tenant of the house, a woman named Lau Yuk-ming, as sitting in the passage-way when she saw defendant enter the flat through the open front door and make his way to the rear cubicle, the occupants of which were out. She followed him, and saw him pick up a hat and coat, but as soon as Yung caught sight of her, he threw the articles down and rushed past her down the stairs. She raised the alarm, and a fellow tenant chased defendant and caught him in Hau Wo Street. Yung admitted having had two previous convictions, one of which was for kidnapping.

TREE THIEVES GET SEVERE PUNISHMENT

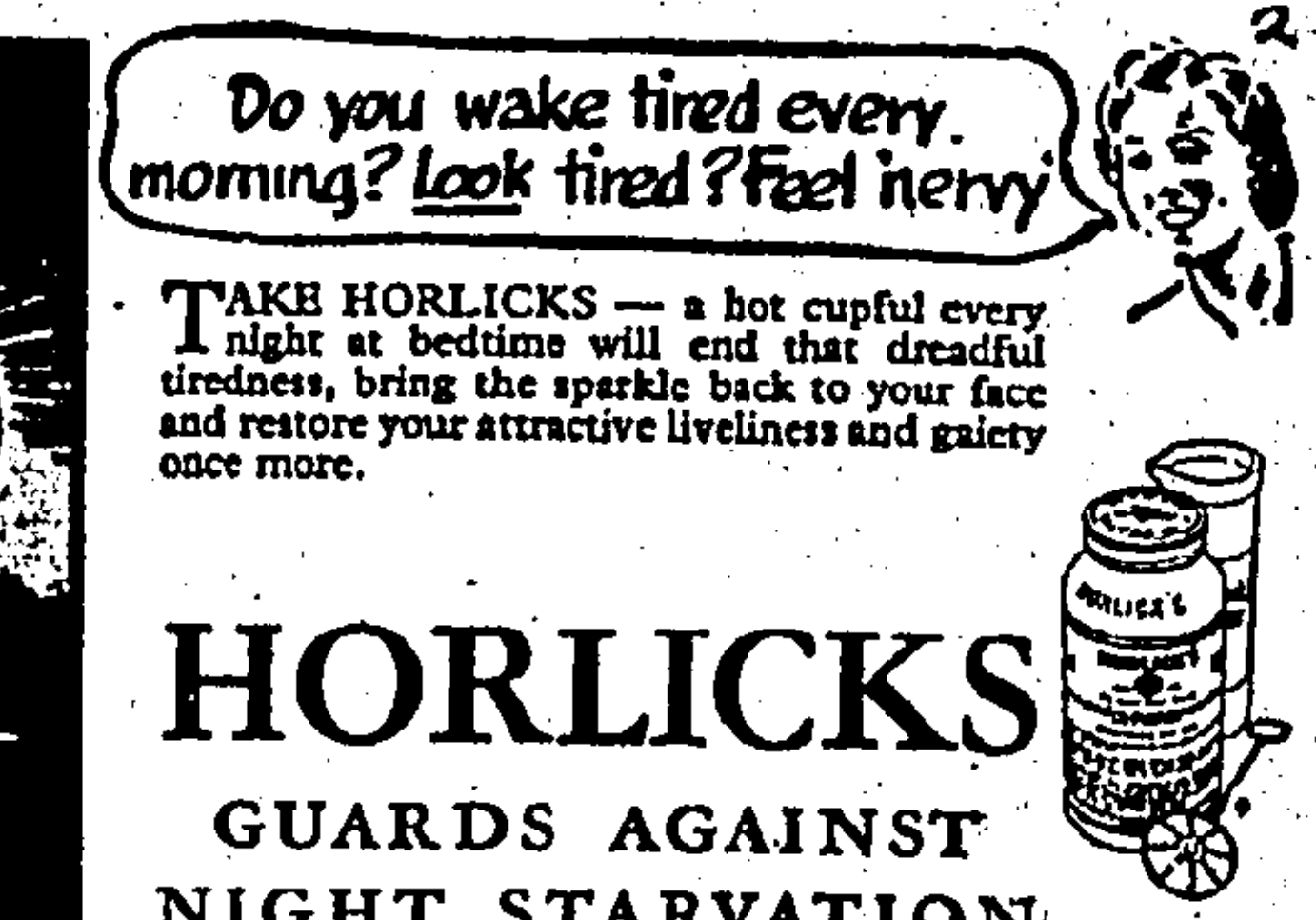
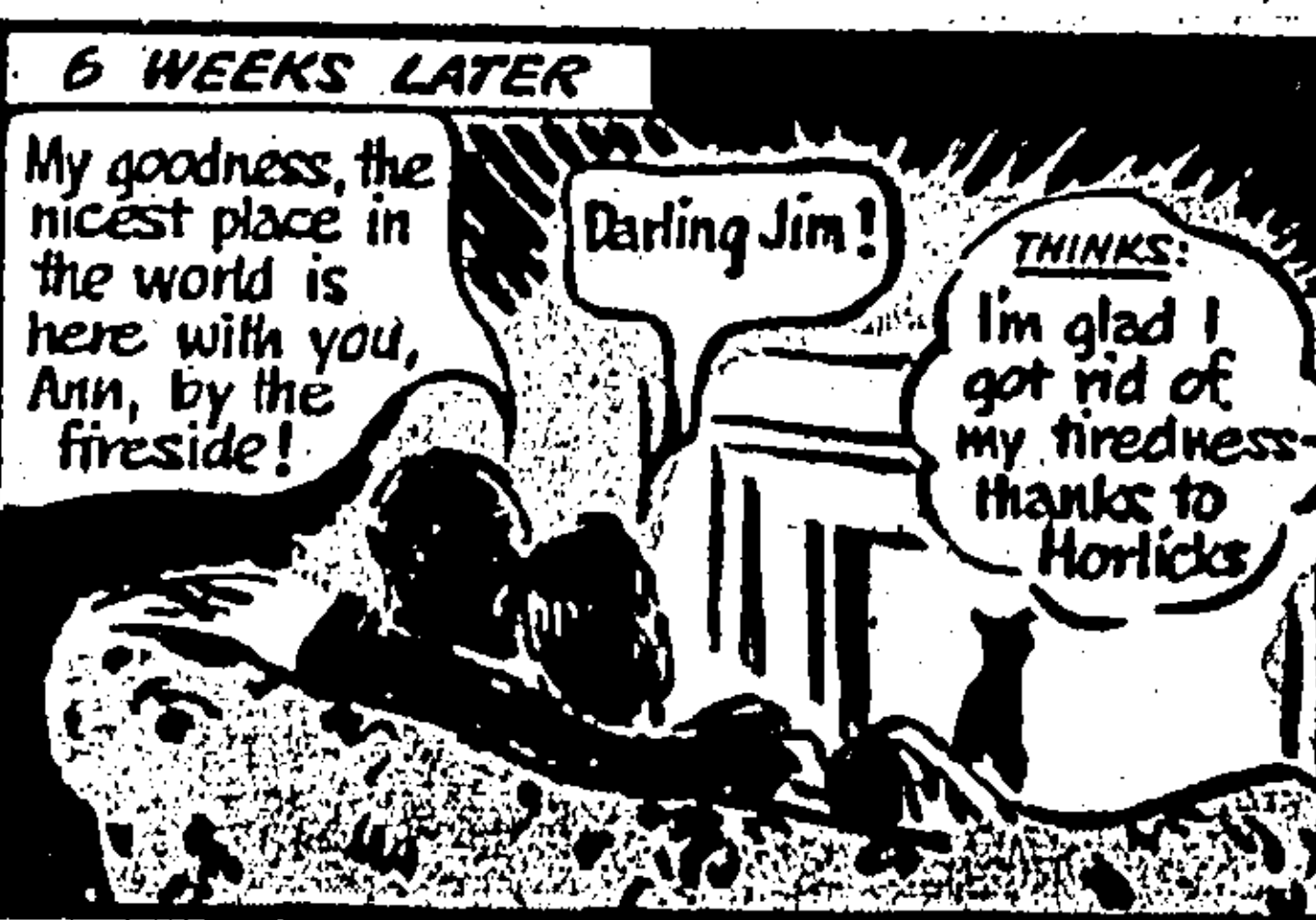
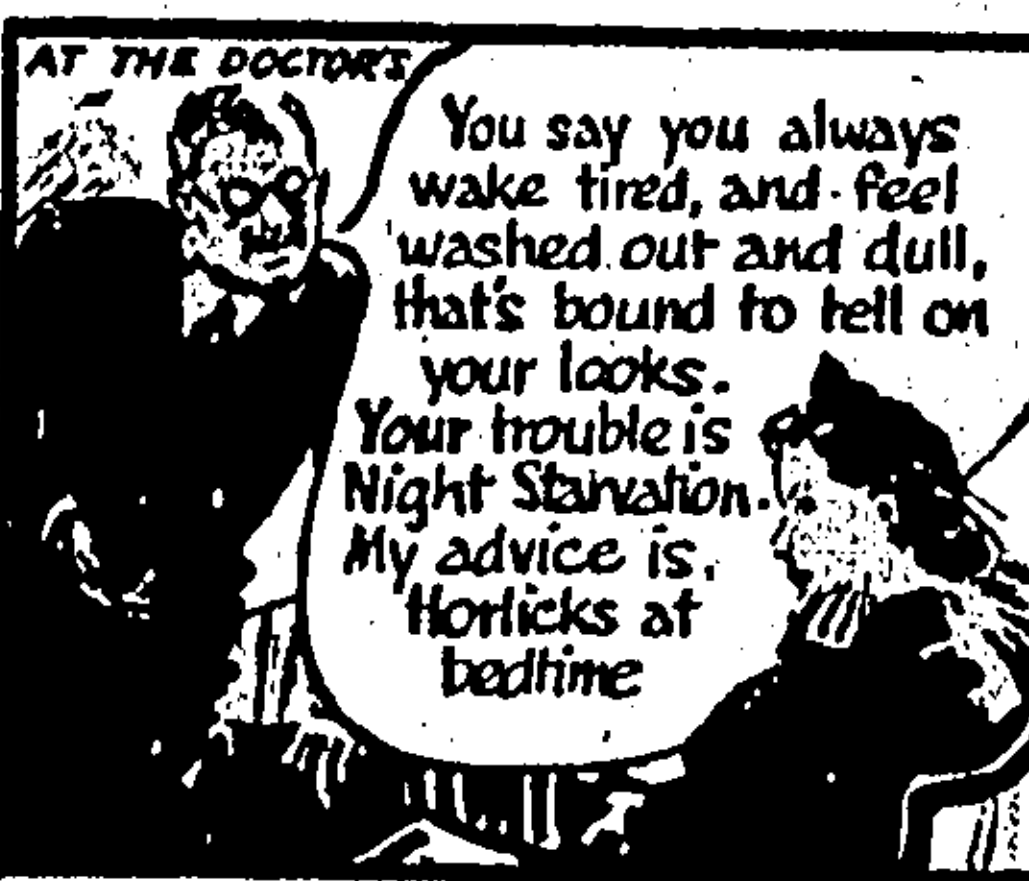
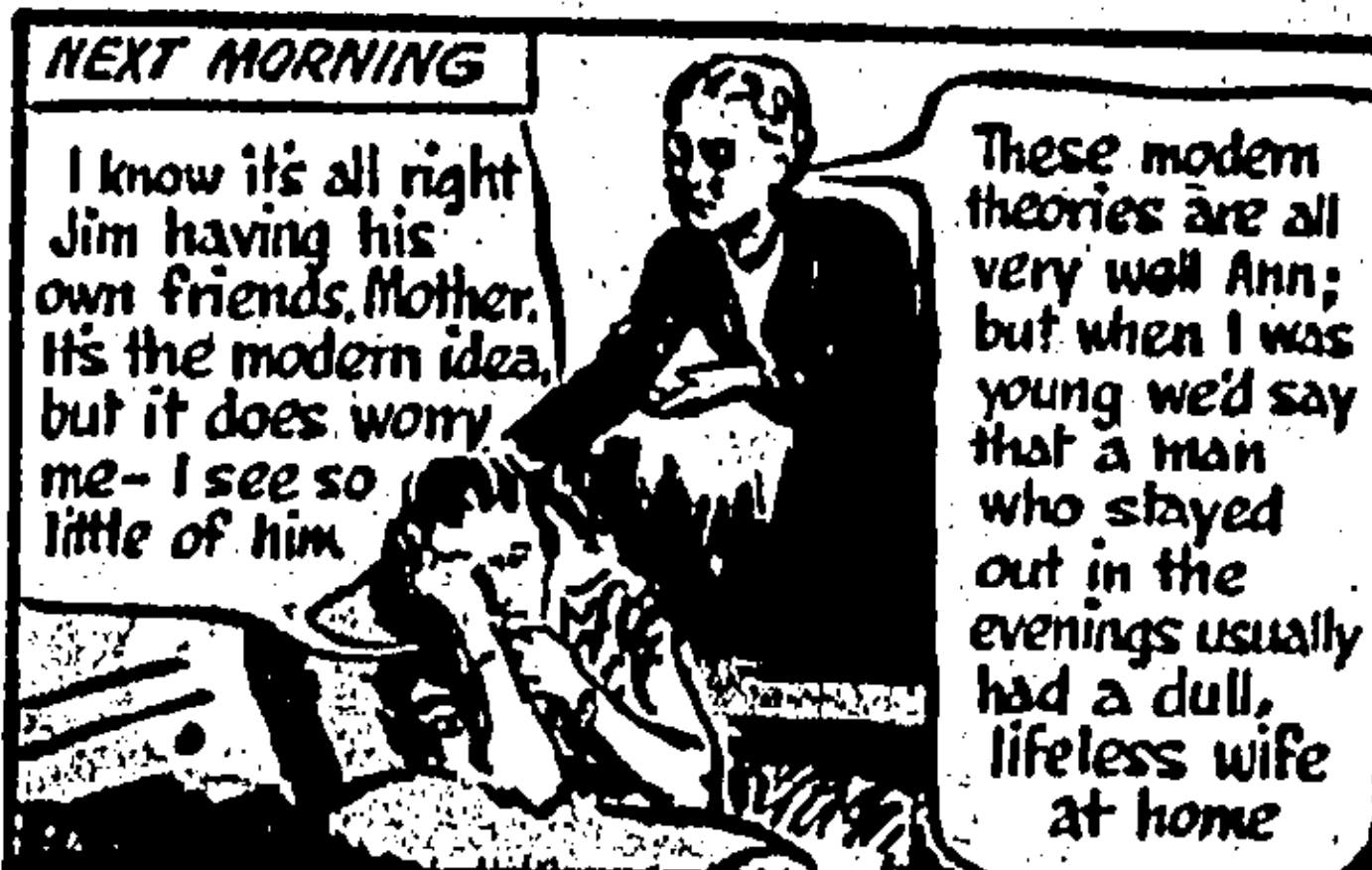
Several men caught with large quantities of tree-wood in their possession appeared before Mr. H. R. Butlers at the Central Magistracy this morning, and were heavily fined. Chu Kwong, who had 50 cabbies in his possession when arrested at Pokfulam Road, was fined \$250 with the alternative of three months' hard labour. He had two previous convictions for the same offence.

Yan Ping, who had 50 cabbies at Aberdeen, Cheung Choi, who was arrested with 24 cabbies on Island Road, and Tang Wing, who was found in possession of 53 cabbies at Wanchai, were each fined \$50 with the alternative of two months' hard labour.

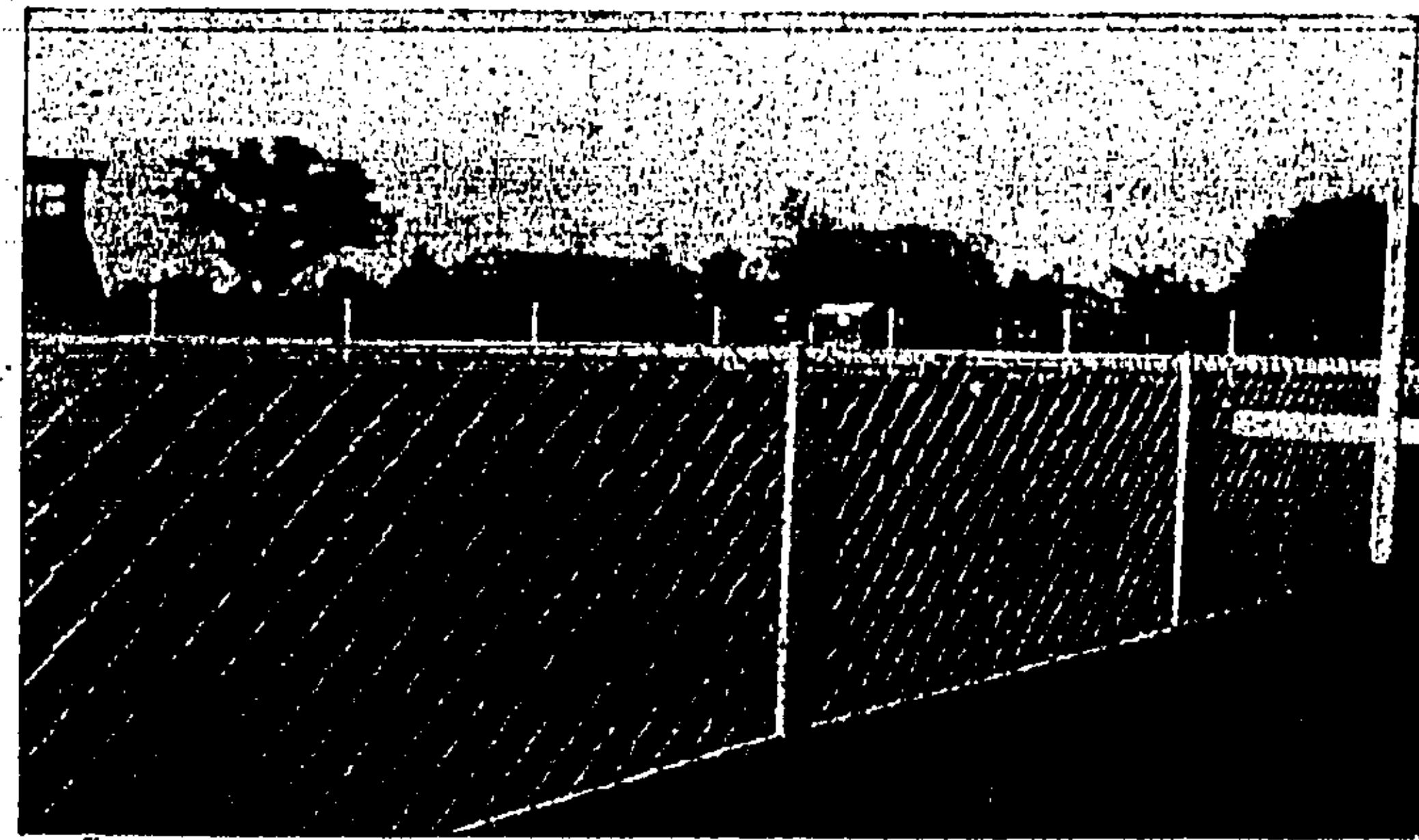
COUNT GRANDI CALLS ON LORD HALIFAX

London, Mar. 22. Count Dino Grandi, the Italian Ambassador in London, who has just returned from a visit to Rome, called at the Foreign Office this afternoon and saw Lord Halifax. He remained about half an hour.—*British Wireless*.

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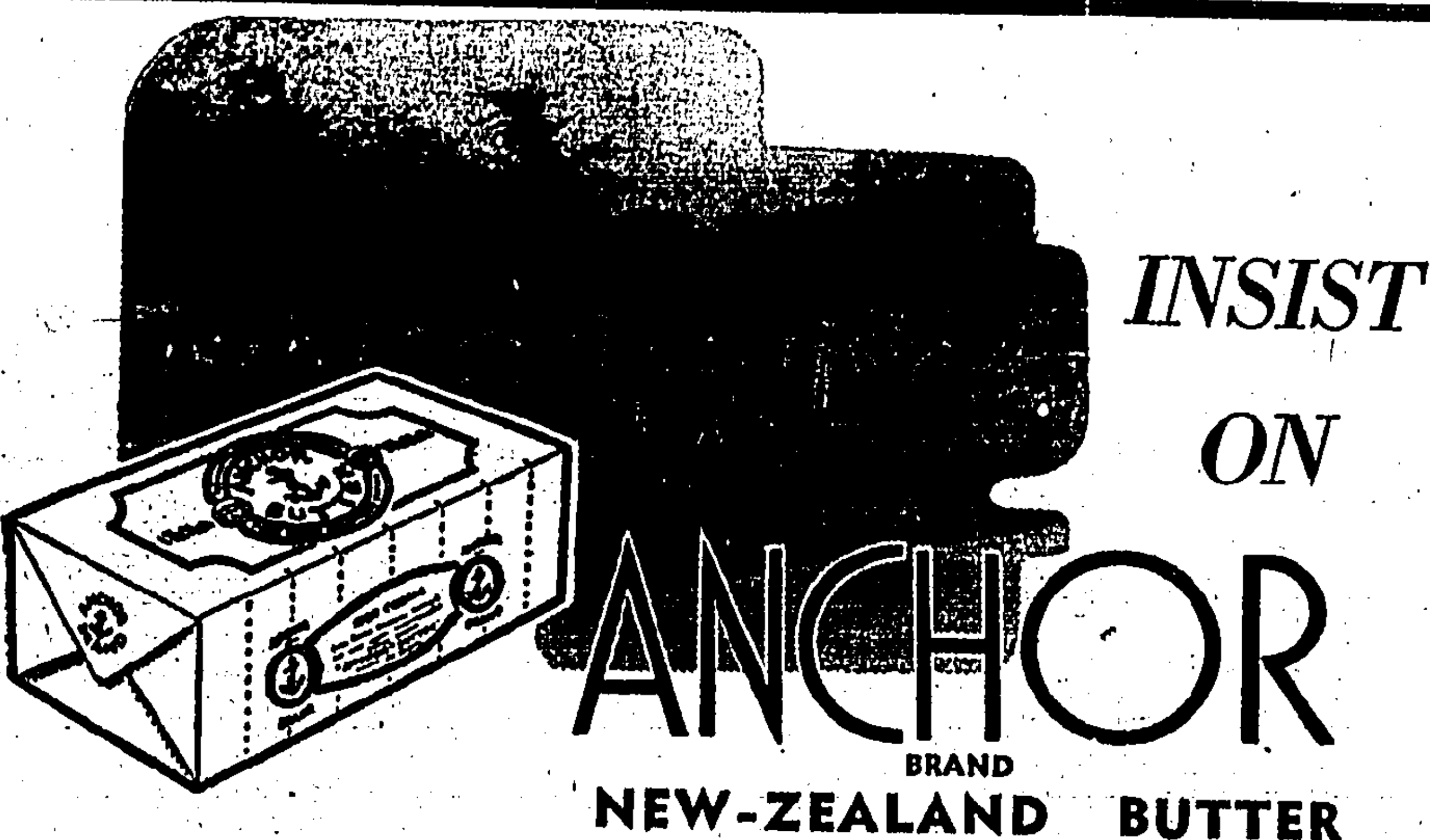
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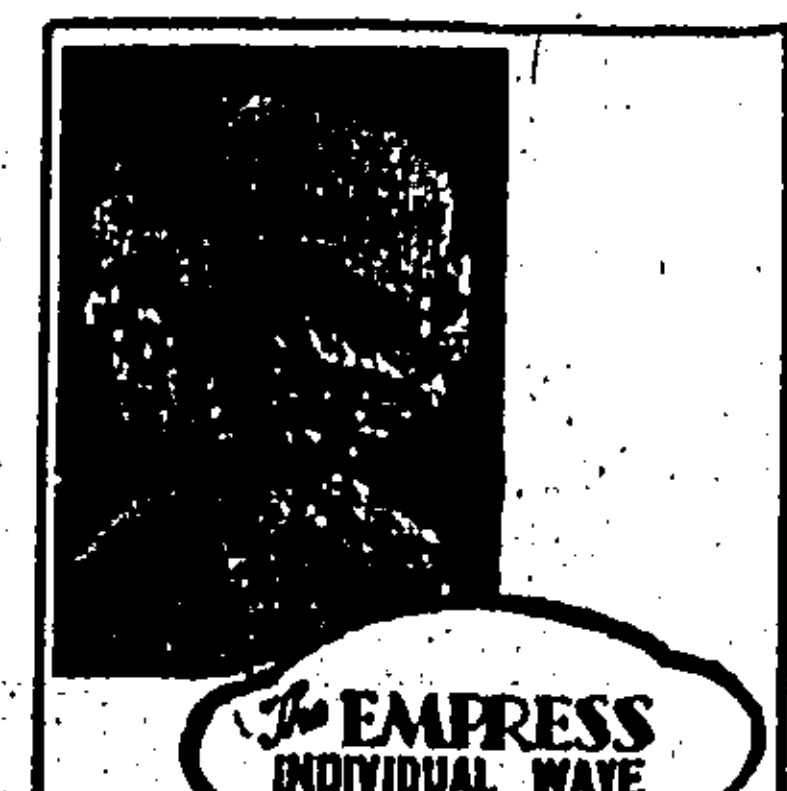
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

Although the volume of trading to-day was not quite so large as yesterday, the market remains steady and prices are well maintained.

The Manila market is showing some improvement, and closes steady on a slightly higher level.

Buyers
Bank of East Asia \$50
Union Insurance \$10
China Underwriters \$2.10
Dow Jones \$1.10
H.K. & W. Docks \$1.10
H.K. Lands 4% debentures \$1.00
Chinese Estates \$1.00
H.K. Tramways \$1.00
Peak Tram (Ord) \$1.00
Star Ferry \$1.00
H.K. Electric \$1.00
Sandsong Light \$1.00
Cement \$1.00
Dairy Farm \$1.00
Sincere \$1.00
Constructions \$1.00
Messers 3/10
Cement \$1.00
Vibro Milling \$1.00

Sellers
Hongkong Bank \$1.10
Union Insurance \$1.00
China Underwriters \$1.00/2.05
H.K. & W. Docks \$1.00/2.33
H.K. & W. Docks \$1.00/2.33
Provident (Ord) \$1.00/2.33
H. & S. Hotels \$1.00
H.K. Lands \$1.00
H.K. Tramways \$1.00
H.K. Electric \$1.00
Dairy Farm \$1.00/2.25
Wallace Hays \$1.00
Antamoka Pa. \$1.00
Atoka \$1.00
Bignio Gold \$1.00
Benguet Conol \$1.00
Coco Grove \$1.00
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Demerits \$1.00
L. K. L. \$1.00
Paracene Guarana \$1.00
San Maurizio \$1.00
Suyce Conol \$1.00
United Forecasts \$1.00

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton
May 8.77/87
July 8.74/73
Oct. 8.70/75
Dec. 8.75/70
Jan. (1939) 8.80/80
Mar. (1939) 8.82/83
Spot 8.80
The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 26 with delivery date May 2.

New York Rubber
Mar. 13.75 A
May 13.75 A
July 13.78/77
Sept. 13.91/00
Dec. 14.15/15
Jan. 13.83 N
Sales for the day: 3,150 tons.

Chicago Wheat
May 85 1/2/85 1/2
July 82 1/2/82 1/2
Sept. 84 1/2/84
Monday's Sales: 17,527,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn
May 50 1/2/50 1/2
July 51 1/2/51 1/2
Sept. 52 1/2/52 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat
May 117 1/2/117 1/2
July 108 1/2/107 1/2
Oct. 107 1/2/107 1/2

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Notice to Shareholders

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. Room 308, Bank of East Asia Building, Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

NOTICE

An Old Blues' Dinner will be held on 29th March.

Any Old Blues who have not already been notified by letter are requested to communicate with J. P. McIntyre, at 42, Kennedy Road, Hongkong.

NOTICE

Messrs. John I. Thornycroft & Co., Limited have moved their Executive Offices to St. George's Building, First Floor, Hongkong. Telephone No. 22363.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.

General Managers,
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1938.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 24th March to 14th April inclusive.

By order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Managers.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Mar. 22.

S. C. & F. Dow Jones summary of yesterday's markets:

Rail to-day reflected the uncertain future. It is rumoured that many railroad companies will soon be forced to reorganize under the Bankruptcy Act. Other adverse influences were the Treasury arguments against revision of the Federal Reserve Act, the Undistributed Profit Taxes, uncertainties with regard to the future of the Tennessee Valley Authority and the weakness of individual issues, such as Westinghouse Electric and American Telephone. Mining shares, early in the day, responded to the statement by President Cardena of Mexico that he did not plan to nationalize foreign mining properties. Later, however, these issues declined. Steel mill operations in Pittsburgh are higher. The inventory positions of industries are now more normal. It is expected that the warm weather will lift new car sales. The possibility of a further cotton textile mill curtailment is a discouraging factor.

S. C. & F. correspondent cables:

Stocks: Securities were again in supply to-day and we expect a further reaction. Domestic business news is discouraging. Business failures for the week totalled 229, against 200 failures the previous week. Bank deposits for the week amounted to \$14,335,000,000.

Cotton: Tired long liquidation was accentuated by the action of the securities market and stop-loss orders. Trade support was less aggressive. The "spot" cotton and textile markets were quiet. The possibility of further mill curtailment was reported.

Wheat: Reports of the rapid growth of the winter crop and early plantings of spring wheat under favourable conditions, coupled with the pressure of the Australian product, were adverse factors early in the day. Later, however, the market gained strength on the report of a possible Government subsidy to farmers to plow up to an unnamed percentage of the crop and further reports of dust storms, the seriousness of which is doubtful.

Corn: This market showed independent strength, based largely upon expectation of continued export demand.

Rubber: General liquidation was influenced largely by the action of other markets. There was no interest in Actulins.

Sugar: Quiet and without any special feature.

Dow Jones Averages Mar. 21 Close

30 Industrials 120.20

20 Rails 23.61

20 Utilities 17.88

40 Bonds 87.04

11 Commodity Index 61.76

CHINESE TO CULTIVATE MORE LAND

Scheme Administered By Military

Chungking, Mar. 23. Land cultivation under military organization will shortly be attempted in Szechuan. General Wang Ling-chi, commander of the Szechuan Force Preservation Corps, has been appointed to command the new Labour Corps, with orders to enlist five brigades of men for service in uncultivated districts on the Sikiang-Yunnan borders.

These labour brigades will also serve as reserve man-power if required. Meanwhile the developing of food production has started and the work is being administered by a special land reclamation and development bureau under General Chang Sze-ko. —Reuter Special.

MANY CHINESE VICTORIES NOW CONFIRMED

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was going on yesterday south-east of Tenghsien. In many villages street fighting took place. The Chinese surrounded and wiped out many isolated Japanese parties, using their bayonets and hand-grenades with great effectiveness.

The high level ground south of Tenghsien was also the scene of bitter fighting, having changed hands three times during the day. Casualties on both sides mounted hourly as the engagement proceeded. Chinese reinforcements finally outfought the Japanese troops and regained much ground.

Japanese Beaten Off

After suffering a serious defeat, the Japanese forces on the Linyi front in south-east Shantung launched a counter-offensive on March 21 in an attempt to regain their prestige. The counter-attack, however, was beaten back by the Chinese defenders who put up stubborn resistance.

On the southern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway the Japanese troops have been taking the defensive. Assisted by peasant volunteers, the Chinese forces have launched constant attacks on the Japanese troops stationed in various cities and the Chinese guerrillas have done considerable damage to the highways between Tingyuan and Hefei, Tingyuan and Fengyang, Tingyuan and Pengpu and Hwaiyuan and Tienchian.

Owing to the disruption of communications and the increasing effectiveness of the Chinese regular and irregular forces, the Japanese at Fengyang, Tingyuan, Kaohong, Chih-ho and Kaohanchi have closed the city gates and taken strict precaution against Chinese surprise attacks.

Reports from Hwaiyuan state that both the railway stations at Chang-palling and Shaochi, respectively 64 and 84 kilometres north of Pukow on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, were attacked and recaptured by Chinese mobile units on March 19.—Central News.

Japanese Confront Big Difficulties

Hankow, Mar. 23. Tanning in western Shansi, which at present is in the hands of the Chinese, is the objective of an advance by three Japanese detachments, accompanied by aeroplanes.

Already they have clashed with Chinese forces along the east bank of the Yellow River. Fighting is still raging at Hsiang-ning.

Despite the despatch of Japanese reinforcements to Hsiang-ning from Suiyuan, Chinese troops succeeded in capturing Paotse on March 18.

Meanwhile Chinese troops are pouring into Shansi from the west side of the river, increasing the difficulties of the Japanese forces in that province.—United Press.

Pinglu Changes Hands Again

Tungkuwan, March 23. Pinglu on the north bank of the Yellow River, in south Shansi, which was recaptured by the Chinese forces on March 21 again fell into Japanese hands yesterday.

Japanese reinforcements, numbering 1,200 men, counter-attacked the Chinese in the city, forcing them to withdraw. However, additional Chinese troops have crossed the Yellow River and are ready to attack again.—Central News.

Paotse Retaken By Chinese

Shan, March 23. Paotse, important town on the Yellow River, which flows along the Shansi-Shensi border, has been retaken by Chinese forces, a Chinese military communique reveals.—Central News.

Communications Severed

Tungku, Mar. 23. Land communications between Shanghai and Hangchow have been disrupted as a result of the destruction of bridges near Linping on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway and damage done to the highway at Fenghsien by Chinese guerrillas.

Repair gangs have been sent to Linping to mend the railway bridges, but the Chinese guerrillas are ready to spring upon them at any moment.—Central News.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA WON'T SURRENDER

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reiterate Britain's vital general interest in Central Europe, without making any commitment to Czechoslovakia.

He is likely to mention Czechoslovakia only briefly in order not to embarrass that country by throwing into the limelight its sudden problems.—United Press.

Labour Discusses The Foreign Situation

London, Mar. 22. A meeting of the National Council of Labour was held to-day to consider the international situation in the light of recent developments, and to receive a report from the delegates to the joint meeting of the International Federation of Trade Unions and the Labour and Socialist International in Paris last week. It was decided to adjourn until Thursday evening after the Prime Minister had made a statement of the Government's policy in the House of Commons.—British Wireless.

Cabinet Agrees On Foreign Policy

London, Mar. 22. There was a full attendance of Ministers at a Cabinet meeting at which, as foreseen yesterday, a broad agreement was reached on the lines to be followed by the Premier in his foreign policy statement in the House of Commons on Thursday.

A further meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-morrow, when it is expected final approval to the Premier's speech will be given.—Reuter.

Abrogating Treaty

Rome, Mar. 22. Trustworthy sources indicate that Italy intends to abrogate the special preferential tariffs Austria enjoyed under the Rome Protocol, including the use of Trieste as a free port. Germany, it is said, has been notified. It is assumed Italy will later permit Germany to use Trieste as a free port in exchange for concessions. However, this is not ascertainable. Hungary can continue to use Trieste as a free port.—United Press.

Curfew In Kovno

Kovno, Mar. 22. The military commander here has issued regulations, motivated by the "seriousness of the situation which requires absolute quiet." The regulations are equivalent to a state of siege, and impose a 9 p.m. curfew, and fines and imprisonment for violations of the regulations.—United Press.

ARMED ROBBER TO BE LASHED

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two previous convictions of petty larcenies. No violence was actually used in carrying out the crimes.

Passing sentence, His Lordship said: The robbery and assault with intent to rob which you have admitted are in themselves not very serious, but there is a very serious aspect of the case for which you must receive a very severe sentence. That is the deliberate use of a revolver to try and keep your pursuers away. You have stated that it was impossible to fire the revolver, but that is not so for it has been found that with a certain amount of care it is possible to be fired. You are therefore very lucky not to be here on a much more serious charge. The sentence I pass on you in regard to the first charge is four years' hard labour and 12 lashes of the "cat." As regards the other charges, the sentences are two years and one year respectively, concurrent.

TWO OTHERS SENTENCED

In connection with the Tai On Terrace affair, two other men, Lo Chuen, 35, and Wong Kam-hung, were also charged, and on their pleading guilty, were sentenced to three and two years' hard labour respectively.

Wong was additionally charged with being concerned in the Hollywood Road incident, for which he received a term of one year, concurrent.

ALSO PLEADS GUILTY

Pleading guilty to a charge of armed robbery in Kowloon City, Tong Tak, 34, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by the Chief Justice.

At the Magistrate's court, accused was stated to have entered, together five men not in custody, a second floor dwelling in Shek Kwai Lung Road on January 11 and robbed the occupants of \$100 in money and a quantity of jewellery and clothing. The robbers were armed with revolvers and knives. Tong was arrested on information.

HEROIN CHARGE

Sentence of three years' hard labour was passed by the Chief Justice on Leung Tong and Yau Nam, who admitted a charge of unlawful possession of 8,480 heroin pills and 80 1/2 ounces of pink mass.

Queen's Pier Closing To All Shipping

It is notified that Queen's Pier is to be closed to all shipping on Thursday, March 24, from 1.30 a.m. until after the Governor of Macao has landed.

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For	Per	Date and Time
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	Reg., Mar. 23, 4.30 p.m.	
	Ord., Mar. 23, 5 p.m.	

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Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On Thurs., Mar. 24, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow	Solviken Thurs., Mar. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Seistan Thurs., Mar. 24, 3 p.m.
Kongmoon	Tai Lee Thurs., Mar. 24, 10 a.m.
Amoy	Tjilatjap Thurs., Mar. 24, 5 p.m.

Friday	
Swatow and Shanghai	SinkiangFri., Mar. 25, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Slan, Lanchow and Eurasia PlaneFri., Mar. 25, 9 a.m.
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New Ministry May Handle China Affairs

Prince Konoye's Hint
To Lower House

Tokyo, Mar. 23.
The formation of a new Ministry to deal with China affairs may become necessary, Premier Konoye hinted to the Diet yesterday evening when addressing the Lower House Committee which was deliberating Bills providing for the organisation of North China and Central China Development companies.

The Premier indicated that opinion was divided regarding the creation of a special Government department to handle the multiple aspects of Japanese policy in China.

A Board of Chinese Economic Affairs was being established to control and to promote the development companies, while a Council of Chinese Economic Affairs had been set up to make the necessary recommendations to the Japanese Government regarding economic developments in China.

The Premier said that temporary agencies for large-scale machinery to enable the co-ordinated handling of economic, as well as diplomatic questions in China, had become necessary. Japan would not relinquish any Chinese territory under control at the present, but the limit of Japanese action in China was difficult to show geographically.

This statement was made in reply to the question of how far the Japanese army intended to go in China. — *Reuter.*

MURDERED MELODIES

(Continued from Page 6.)

alter the time as well. Why they do this it is difficult to say. The musical egg is certainly not worth the instrumental candle.

There is no music more full of solid character than that of our Scottish songs and dances. It is deep, true, and very strong. There is, perhaps, no music that is more abused and misrendered at the present day. There is not even the excuse that its true form is obscure.

Highland dance music had a great and famous exponent in the late Scott Skinner. Fine standard settings have also been left to us in the "Skye" and "Gesto" collections of the late Dr. Keith Norman Macdonald. Some contemporary players of Highland music appear to be trying to see just how far they can get from the practice of these genuine masters.

Mere Caprice

Highland dance music is essentially dance music. Every beat of the tune corresponds to a movement of a foot in the dance. To extract a bar or two of the tune and substitute an incoherent flourish, a pointless wail, or an even more pointless pause, is to break the symmetry of the combined movement and music. To change the melody is to interfere with what is in many, or most, cases a perfect sequence of sound idea. It is the same with songs. Who

Big Indemnity Sought For Panay Attack

U.S. Asking Japan
For \$2,214,007

Washington, Mar. 22.
It is revealed that Mr. Joseph C. Grew, United States Ambassador to Japan, delivered a note to the Japanese Foreign Office to-day concerning indemnity for the bombing of the Panay. The note read:

"With reference to the exchanges of communications between my Government and Japan regarding the attack on the U.S.S. Panay and American merchant vessels on December 12 by Japanese armed forces, and to the assurances contained in your Government's note of December 14, and re-affirmed in its note of December 24, that the Japanese Government would make 'indemnification for all losses,' I am instructed to state that my Government finds firstly, the amount of property losses is \$1,045,670.01, and secondly the amount of indemnification which should be paid for death and personal injury cases is \$268,337.35. Therefore the total amount my Government is prepared to accept is \$2,214,007.30.

"These figures are arrived at after careful consideration and they represent only actual property losses, and a conservative estimate of damages resulting from deaths and personal injuries. The amount does not include punitive damages." — *United Press.*

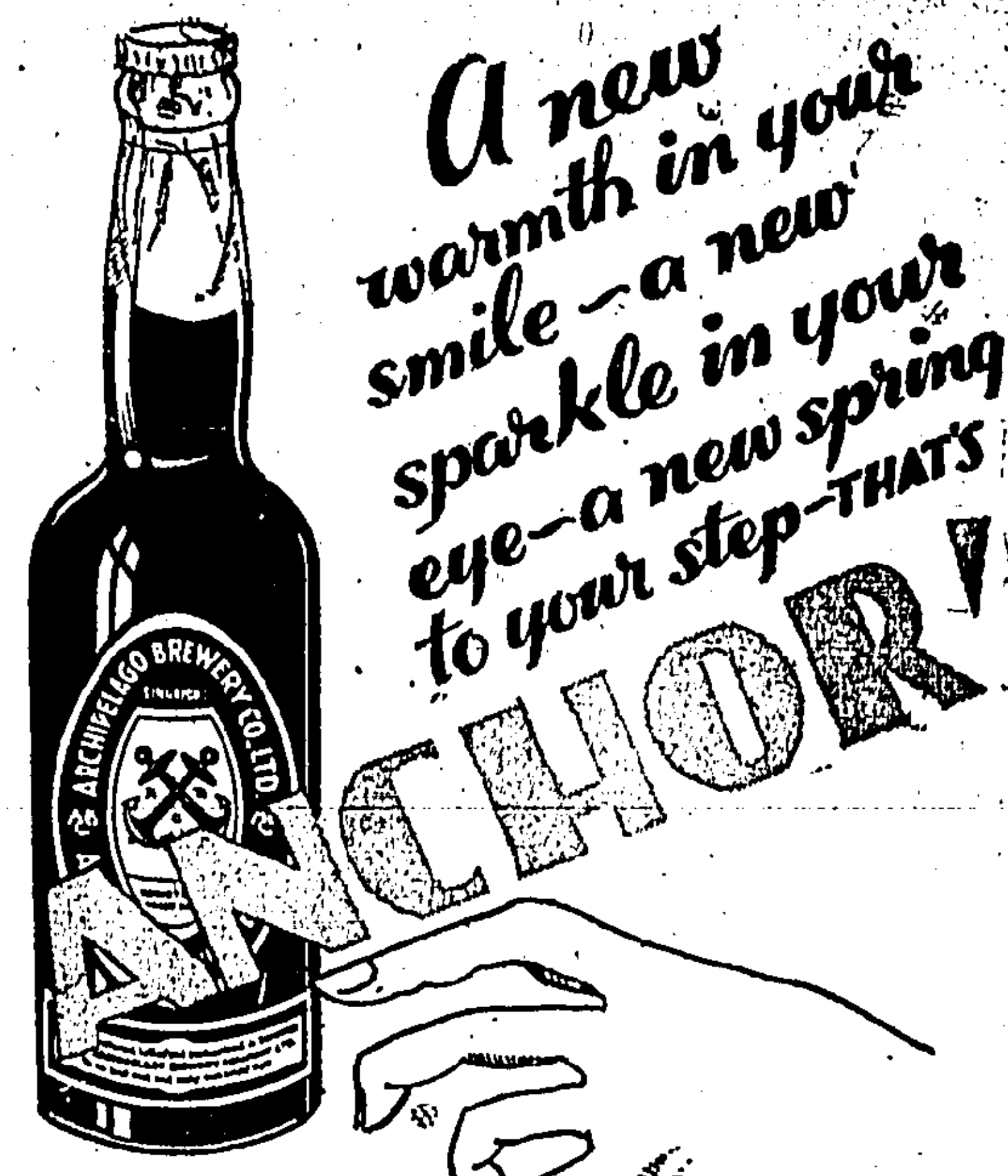
GRADUAL TRADE REVIVAL SEEN

New York, Mar. 22.
In a radio symposium entitled "The spring outlook for business," nine spokesmen of big business agreed with the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Daniel C. Roper, that "there is evidence of resistance to further business and economic decline, indicating that the liquidation period has subsided."

They forecast a gradual revival of trade, however, and saw no "dynamic" recovery to be likely. — *United Press.*

wants to hear the praises of Annie Laurie sung in a minor key? Or the blue of Killarney changed to washed out grey. Let us have new songs and new music by all means—if we can produce them—but let them be new.

Strong and bright originally is not perhaps a market characteristic of our day. Whether or not it will ever again be possible to compose music equal to that of days gone by, one does not presume to say. The founts of musical composition may be exhausted, or they may be inexhaustible. I do not know. But let us at least distinguish between Art and mere intellectual caprice; between the twitching finger, and the pulsing heart. — *R.C.M.*



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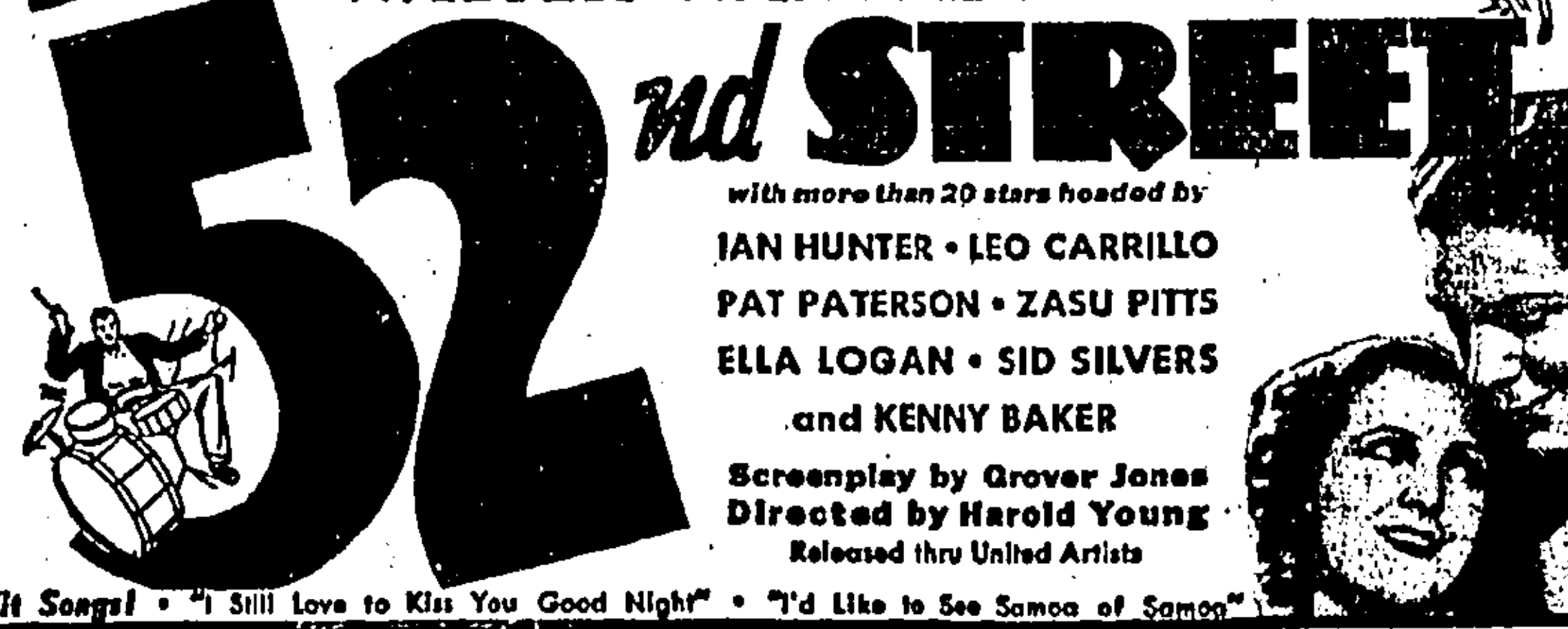
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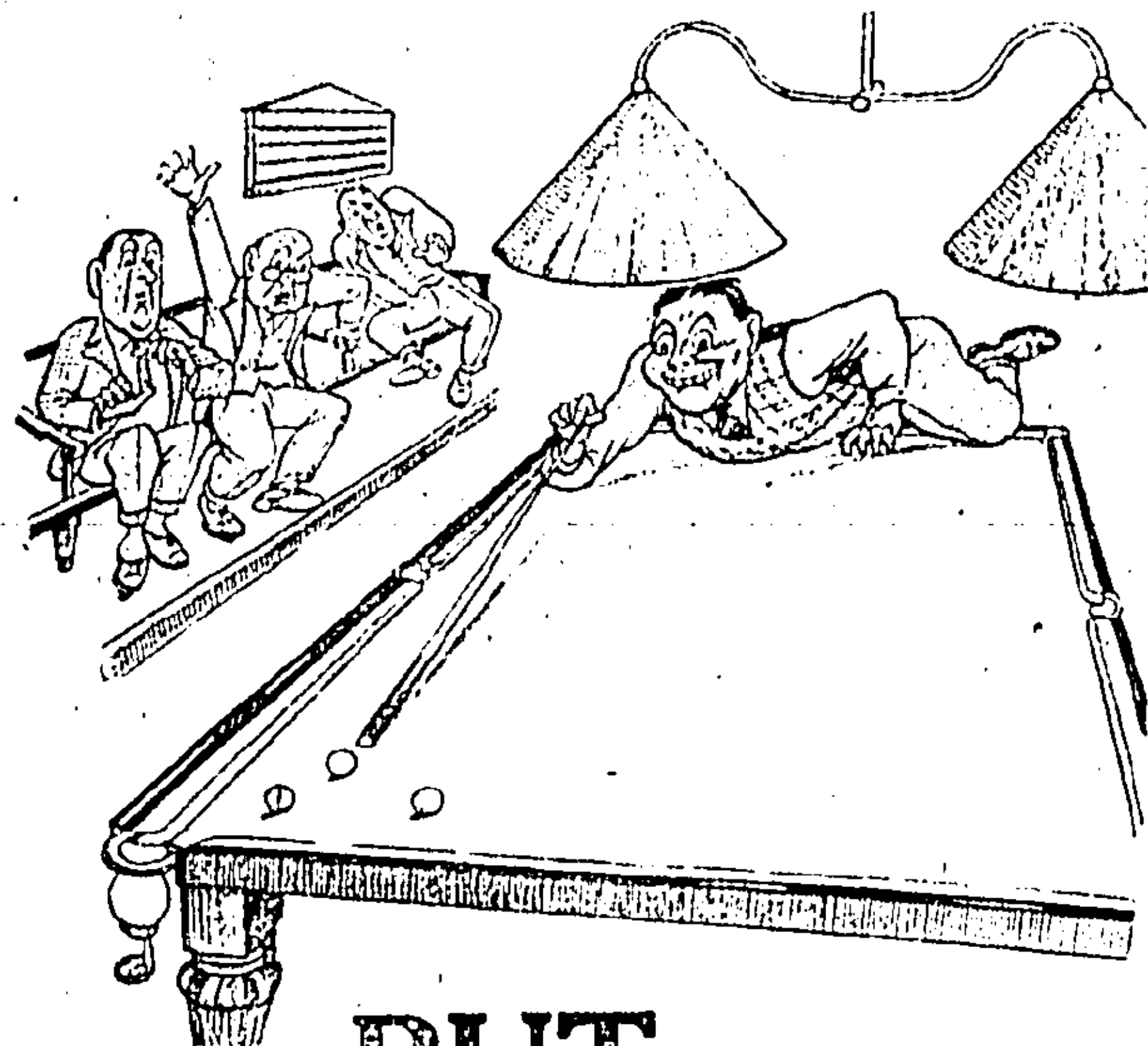
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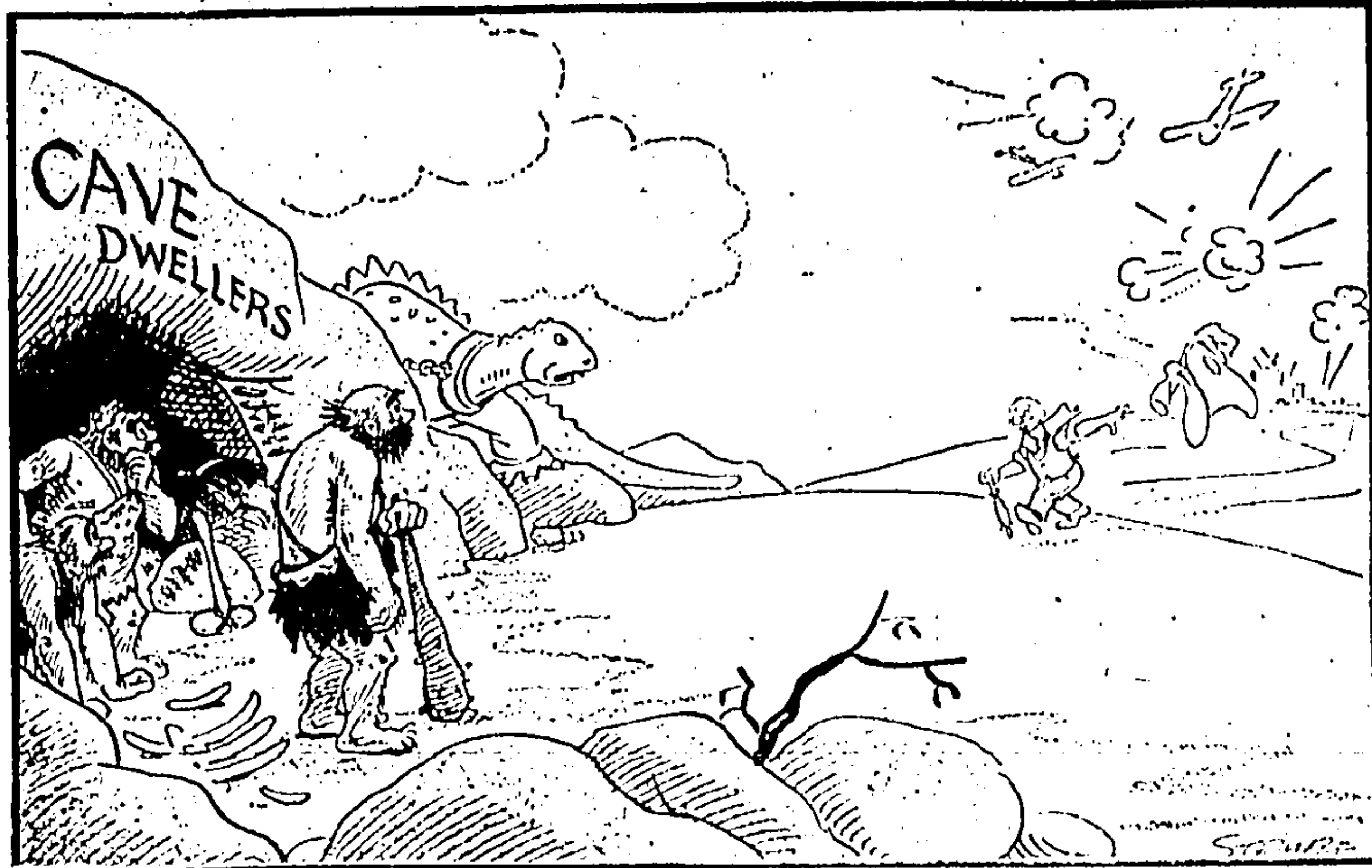
The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1938.

LESSON IN ECONOMICS

There is a story told of four farmers in the Canadian Northwest who gambled the best years of their lives and all their assets on wheat-growing. They were middle-aged men at the time the story opens, and bitter and weary, and bowed under a weight of repeated defeats. If it were not rust that ruined their crops, it was early frosts, or one of the other enemies of the wheat farmer. One fall they met on a Government road project—for all of them were in need of some ready money to buy seed and equipment—and they fell to talking hoarsely and a little disgustedly of their prospects. One of them happened to mention that so-and-so had grown a fair crop of barley, and someone else had had a decent yield of corn, and still another had had a paying crop of oats and alfalfa. And they pondered these things and talked about them at length and finally came to a decision. They decided to pool their resources. Each of them would concentrate on one crop—either wheat or corn or oats or barley, and do a little general farming to keep their households supplied with essentials. They thought that at least one of these crops would be profitable and must succeed; and they were right. Scarcely a year goes by, now, but more than one of them have a good yield; sometimes all of them have bumper crops, and they divide the profits and are just about ready to retire.

There should be a lesson for nations in this experience of simple men, not very wise in the complicated subject of economics. This was no more than an experiment in community farming, of course. And it has been practised elsewhere. But it is a mystery to the unexpert mind why the system cannot be perfected and applied on a wider scale. The United States Government has tried crop control and made a success of it. The producing nations have got down to a working arrangement in the rubber and tin fields, and are doing well for themselves. Where wheat and sugar and tea, rice and dairy and general farm produce, metals, timber and fish, in fact the whole list of marketable commodities are concerned, why should it not be possible to regulate production according to the estimated needs of the world—always leaving a safe margin in case of crop failure—so that the producer will receive a fair



RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL?

"I think unless something can be done to meet this air menace, in the latter part of this century the people of this world are going to live like troglodytes, as they did in the days of the cave-dwellers."

—said Mr. Eden in the House of Commons.

—Strube in London "Daily Express"

'PLANES Over The PACIFIC

A COMPACT fleet of American aircraft, eighteen strong, recently covered the 2,500 miles from San Diego, California, to Honolulu in little more than 20 hours.

Developments in flying technique are throwing an aerial bridge across the 7,000 miles width of the Pacific. That ocean, big as all the rest of the seas of the world together, will soon be crossed in every direction by great aircraft droning over its vast empty spaces.

This would be a matter for rejoicing were it not that, in a world so full of international hostility, increased accessibility promotes the chances of conflict as much as purposes of peace.

The intensive aerial developments in progress on every horizon of the Pacific are of a strategic character. It is preparation for potential war that inspires the energy with which hitherto uninhabited and nameless coral islands are being converted into refuelling stations, provided with barracks, store-houses, repair plants, wireless stations, and defences for the men who staff them.

If the Pacific Ocean, whose emptiness has so long kept it a No Man's Sea, one day forfeits that title in the political sense, it will be the petrol engine that has made this possible.

Key Islands

WITH air fleets crossing the empty ocean at 200 miles an hour a rapid shrinkage of the Pacific has begun, and all the Powers with interests there are engaged in a scramble to establish air routes across an ocean the control of which will have incalculable importance in the future.

Last year four-engined American Clippers flew 36 times to and fro the journey of 7,000 miles from San Francisco to Manila, in the Philippines, making stops en route at Hawaii, two coral atolls fitted up as refuelling stations, and the island of Guam.

From Hawaii another air line branches off, via a lonely rock called Kingman Reef and Samoa, to Auckland, New Zealand, and from Kingman Reef again services will soon be opened up to Brisbane, in Queensland, Australia and to Tahiti, the French island in the South Pacific.

And the Americans are developing another Pacific air route which causes more anxiety to Japan than any of these. It will run along the

Aleutian Islands, which stretch for 1,500 miles like a necklace across the throat of the Behring Sea, in the north of the Pacific. The United States already has an air base in the islands at Dutch Harbour.

The Japanese are exposed to grave danger of aerial attack from Siberia. Vladivostok is a pistol pointed at the heart of Japan, for the thousand aeroplanes which the Soviet Government is believed to maintain there have only 600 or 700 miles to cover before reaching Japanese territory.

At the same time, Japan is actively developing air lines on her side of the Pacific.

The Peace Conference gave her all the island possessions of Germany north of the Equator in that ocean. The Washington Agreement prevented her from using them as naval stations, but she is finding them of great value as air bases.

I remember the delighted laughter which broke out in Paris 19 years ago when the Allied Peace delegates discovered that one of these insignificant possessions was called the Island of Yap.

That comically named pin-prick on the map of the Pacific Ocean is now the key-point of a Japanese system of air routes which cuts right across the transoceanic air lines of the United States.

The Japanese have also recently occupied a small island called Pratas, between Formosa and the Philippines, which might serve as an air base to menace shipping in the South China Seas. The first air conference between the Japanese Government and its colonial administrations is now being held in Tokyo.

British Interests

THOUGH Britain has not such a direct interest in the Pacific as the two Powers whose mainlands confront it on east and west, the defence of Australia and New Zealand and of British interests in the Far East is leading to the tardy development of our aerial forces there.

Singapore is the main British air base on the fringe of the Pacific, and steps are being taken to develop the triangle between Singapore, Hongkong, and Port Darwin, in North Australia, into an area where British air forces can operate within reasonable reach of refuelling and repair stations.

Thus the Pacific Ocean already resembles a great chess-board, on either side of which contestants are pushing forward pawns in the form of isolated aerial units. Soon these will be followed up by mighty air fleets. Then the game will grow critical.

MURDERED MELODIES

By One who Prefers
Them Alive

If there is anything more tragic than a lost chord it is the slaughter of an inoffensive one; and if there is anything more harrowing than either, it is the lurid evidence of a wholesale massacre of melody.

I hasten to say that I am not a highbrow musician. I don't care much for music that I have to be "educated up to." I can appreciate the waltzes of Strauss, and I could listen indefinitely to a piece like

League of Nations might succeed. And there is no doubt of this—a plan which would open the way to free commercial intercourse between nations, to the abolition of tariffs, to the reduction of freight rates by land and sea, would go far towards removing the causes of strife which to-day have brought the world close to cataclysm.

Mendelssohn's "Spring Song." Beyond that I cannot go. I do not presume to criticise good music. I merely repeat that I do not care for it.

But I'm afraid I care even less for modern popular music. Perhaps I don't understand it either. I go to dances now and then, but I haven't yet learnt what "rhythm" means, nor "swing" is. I'm not sure if I even know a crooner when I see one.

My dictionary informs me that "Croon, to croon, v.t. (Scot.) means, 'to utter a low, monotonous, inarticulate sound like a baby; to sing or hum in an undertone.' "Crooning" is "a low murmuring sound." (Cf. Dutch, *kreunen*, to groan.) I think the Dutch have it right. Groaning is the word. Monotonously—and with an American accent. I

"THE VERY IDEA"

RAMBLING FROM A SICK-BED

By Eddie "Rhumatics" Kelly

HELLO, children.

Here we are, back again, ready to resume work, after having just risen from a bed of pain and escaping the clutching hands of the Grim Reaper.

We decided to get well again after our bottle of rum gave out.

Flu, we had. Our mind wandered at times. However, we are not sane much on that subject.

We thought up lots of learned crevices (learned crevice—wise crack. See it? Hal-Hal Hal... Oh, well!) for the "Very Idea" while we lay there dying.

We were awfully worried about the chaps on the "Telegraph," wondering whether they'd be able to produce the paper without our assistance. As a matter of fact, they were forced to temporarily cease publication on March 20. They resumed again on Monday.

We think we caught flu out at Repulse Bay, where we met Mary. Mary is non-explosive. You know, dynamite but Mary wouldn't.

Dynamite was the breed of drink she introduced us to, Mint Julep, she called it, and told us it was what everyone drank in the southern states.

Mint Julep is what caused the American civil war. The war collapsed when the Yankees captured the mint.

We collapsed after the boy at the Repulse Bay Hotel captured \$4 of our mint, which was the price of four juleps.

We can't feel our scintilla coming on again. It catches us something terrible, right at the back of the throat.

We were reading in the paper yesterday that a chap's flesh is slowly turning to leather. We suspect the same is happening to us—you should have seen our tongue this morning.

We are now going to drink with a sailor—a tough old salt named Epsom.

Hoping you are the same.

don't know if that's what a present-day crooner or croonette is supposed to do, but it's what is done by most of the modern singers whom I hear, on the pictures and elsewhere. Especially the croonettes.

The Worst Offence

I'm perfectly prepared to admit the skill of those who play and sing the modern stuff. It can't be very easy to produce the sort of sounds they do. Especially for the instrumental players who have to bounce up and down as they play.

Modern life is generally admitted to be rather feverish, aimless, and confused. Modern music seems to me to express very well these attributes of the age in which it has taken form. In that sense, at least, it has perhaps some claim to be considered music.

But there is a third source of annoyance which, so far, does not even possess a name, far less a character.

It is a parasitic growth, battering upon the living musical compositions of former times. We all hear it continually. I refer to that orchestral ju-itsu by which some well-known tune is slowly, painfully, and systematically warped into unrecognisable unconsciousness.

Now, setting all jokes on one side, it is time somebody did something about this. We may be pursuing Progress, but we are certainly not so sure of our bearings that we can afford to obliterate our tracks as we go.

Sabotage

An ordinary piece of music, like "The Blue Danube," "Colonial Bogy," or the tune of "John Peel," "Annie Laurie," or "Kilbarney," is just as complete, coherent, and inevitable a sequence as a verbal sentence from Shakespeare or Burns. In fact, if there is a difference between a verbal and a musical expression of ideas, it is that the musical version is the more sensitive and the more intolerant of innovation.

We all know the tune of John Peel. It is a fine one. If anyone doubts it let them try to compose one with half its amazingly effective simplicity.

The first period of the air consists of ten sound syllables. These sounds are immutable in tone, and for all practical purposes in value also. The practical purpose, of course, is expressed in different keys, or by different chords, and it can be played, as a whole, either fast or slow. But the notes of which it is composed must stand.

Some people may prefer music of that less bold school that specialises in half tones. That is simply a matter of taste. A minor key is no less musical than a major one. But to substitute a half tone for an original full one in an existing and inevitable composition is neither taste nor music.

It is a common practice among players just now, to start up some well-known and well-tried air, and after following the original tune for a bar or two, to wander off into half tones and minor keys, or even to

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Personalities of Old Hongkong

HONGKONG'S GREAT CONTROVERSY
OVER FLOGGINGS WITH THE "CAT"

LEE AH-YEE
who received 239 lashes in H.K. gaol.

Insurgents On
New Drive
Near Huesca

City Practically
Surrounded By
Loyalists Still

Saragossa, Mar. 22.
The new insurgent drive has begun near Huesca, which for many months, has been almost surrounded by Government forces. — *Reuter Bulletin*.

STRIKE ON 20-MILE FRONT

Aragon, Mar. 22.
Three hours of intense artillery fire and aviation bombardment preceded the insurgent attack at 5.30 p.m. today north-west of Huesca, on a 20-mile front.

The attack broke the Loyalist lines in several places, and the insurgents effected gains of several miles from Penola towards Lierta. — *United Press*.

INSURGENTS GAIN
MORE POSITIONS

Hendaye, Mar. 22.
The insurgents consolidated their positions in a final assault on Gaudesa, and advanced by sharp guerrilla attacks, the fiercest of which was at Raimundo, where, the insurgents claim, they took several important positions.

Heavy Loyalist reinforcements apparently stopped the insurgents' large scale movements.

Insurgents plan to avoid Barcelona today and bombed east coast towns in preparation for further advances. — *United Press*.

Japanese Take
Junk Men's
Possessions

Women Found Safe
In Looted Craft

Another seizure of a Hongkong fishing junk was reported to the police yesterday.

Chan Choi-lin, the junk master, stated that he left Castle Peak with 30 persons on board his vessel at 5 p.m. on March 21. While fishing off Sha Chau, a Japanese vessel came alongside and put on board the junk a number of sailors.

All the occupants of the junk, with the exception of Chan's mother, wife and grand-daughter, were put off in the junk's sampan and told to row away. The junk was taken in tow by the Japanese warship, which steamed off in the direction of Taishan.

About 11 p.m. the same day, the sampan was sighted by No. 3 Police launch, and Chan reported the incident. At dawn yesterday, the junk was discovered off Tungku, which is west of Castle Peak, with the two women and girl safe on board.

Money, jewellery and fish to the total value of \$430 were taken by the raider, and four muskets which had formerly been among the junk's arms were also found to be missing.

JAPAN MAY IMPORT
MEXICAN OIL

Mexico, City, Mar. 23.
The Japanese Government is studying the possibility of importing the production of Mexican oil fields, according to messages from Tokyo. — *Reuter*.

CONVICT WHO
RECEIVED 239
LASHES IN GAOL

By T. Paul Gregory

A CONVICT now in Stanley Prison, serving a twelve year term for armed robbery, was recently strapped to the triangle and given twelve lashes with the "cat-o'-nine-tails."

Twelve lashes is the maximum punishment now allowable under Hongkong law.

In the not so distant past, however, punishments of thirty, sixty and ninety lashes were not infrequent.

One Hongkong prisoner received altogether a total of 239 lashes, one of the most barbaric series of sentences ever inflicted on a prisoner in this Colony.

During the Governorship of Sir John Pope Hennessy, the European residents of Hongkong debated the question of floggings with acrimonious conviction.

The subject became one that led almost to a crisis.

"Flogging is a barbaric institution and should be abolished," said the Governor.

"If whipping is done away with, how are we going to keep local malefactors in check?" asked his opponents.

The Governor was confessedly in a dilemma, but being diplomatic as well as an "advanced" liberal, he did not press his point until he had sought the opinion of the medical profession, and with this end in view, he appointed a Commission, whose report was awaited with the greatest of interest. First of all, however, Sir John consulted with the Colonial Surgeon, Dr. P. B. C. Ayres.

DOYEN OF PROFESSION

Dr. Ayres was perhaps the doyen of his profession in the East, and his many years of experience in both India and China qualified him to speak with authority for his position of Colonial Surgeon and medical examiner of the inmates of the gaol brought him into contact with the hundreds of Chinese and the handful of Europeans who were incarcerated there.

The name of Dr. Ayres was a familiar and highly respected one in the Colony from the late 'seventies to the early 'nineties, but it is unfortunate that there are little biographical data concerning his life.

Even the date of his birth is more or less conjectural, but it is thought that he was born in England about the year 1825.

He was past fifty when, in 1877, the first mention of his name to any great length occurs in the chronicles of the Colony. That was in connection with the subject of flogging of convicted prisoners, the question which was so assiduously investigated under the aegis of Sir John Pope Hennessy.

It was due to Dr. Ayres' candid opinions that flogging was not abolished in toto, notwithstanding the ardent wishes of the Governor; but the practice as carried out in the Colony was deprived of much of its reprehensible effects, and whilst it is still a potent element of criminal procedure, it is not the fearsome punishment of the past.

PUBLIC FLOGGINGS
It must be understood that, previous to 1878, floggings were administered in public every Wednesday and the instrument of punishment was the regulation "cat o' nine tails," delivered with horrible effect upon the bared back of the prisoner, who was strung up to the whipping-post. Since 1878, however, floggings, when they do occur, are carried out discreetly in the confines of the gaol.

In advocating his conviction that whilst flogging should be retained as a means of punishment, it should not be done with the "cat" upon the bared back, Dr. Ayres stated: "In India flogging is always done upon the breech, with a four-foot rattan as thick as a man's fore-finger. I have never, in eight years' experience, seen any worse effects than the injury done to the skin."

Moreover, he was emphatic in his declaration that floggings as administered to Chinese prisoners in the gaol from 1805-1877 were distinctly harmful, as he claimed that the Oriental felon on account of his slighter build could not endure the infliction of the lash upon his bared back as well as a European, who was he thought, constitutionally more able to suffer punishment with the minimum of ill effects.

At length, the Medical Committee appointed by the Governor made its long expected report. Strange as it may appear, the learned members did not bear out the testimony of their colleague, Dr. Ayres, but what they said was entirely to the contrary. Indeed, they solemnly affirmed that they were of the conviction that the evils of flogging

were grossly exaggerated and that there were no harmful effects whatsoever.

IN BATCHES OF THIRTY

In evidence of their statement, they cited the punishment meted out to a notorious Hongkong criminal of the late 'sixties and early 'seventies, a Chinese named Lee Ah-ye. The record of this individual may be of interest to readers and it is consequently appended here:

"First sentenced April 19, 1865 to four years' imprisonment with hard labour for daylight robbery and assault. Released on July 27, 1869, but in breach of the conditional pardon he had received, was sent to prison again, where he remained until February 28, 1871. On April 20, 1871, he was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment and ninety strokes of the 'cat' for a murderous assault on a warder. Received a free pardon on October 27, 1879 on the recommendation of the Capt. Supt. of Police and finally deported from the Colony for five years on November 11, 1879."

During this man's imprisonment he received 239 lashes on the bared back with the regulation "cat" by order of the Supreme Court for prison offences. The list and number of the strokes are as follows:

"Lee Ah-ye received ninety lashes in three instalments in 1871, by order of the Supreme Court."

"Lee Ah-ye received ninety lashes in three instalments in 1873, by order of the Supreme Court."

"Lee Ah-ye received eleven lashes at one time in 1871, for prison offences."

"Lee Ah-ye received thirty-six lashes at one time in 1872, for prison offences."

"Lee Ah-ye received twelve lashes at one time in 1874, for prison offences."

To this formidable list of evidence, the Medical Committee added succinctly, "this (Lee Ah-ye's) series of floggings do not appear to have had the least effect on him."

ABOLITION FALS

In view of the weight of such impartial evidence, Sir John Pope Hennessy was unsuccessful in his efforts to abolish flogging, but he did manage to incorporate the ideas of Dr. Ayres in the administration of such punishment, and floggings on the bared back were limited to twelve lashes and were more or less replaced by the more humane and equally successful deterrent in the form of "canings" which are the recognised procedure to this day for bag-snatchers and other felons of this type.

After the flogging agitation had been settled, Dr. Ayres remained in comparative obscurity, although he was by no means inactive. About 1880, he broke into print once more on account of his studied hostility to the then active Anti-Opium Society, which numbered amongst its adherents, Dr. G. J. Kerr, a veteran American missionary of Canton.

It was Dr. Kerr's contention that the use of opium was extremely deleterious, and that drug addicts confined to prison suffered the pangs of hell when compelled to forego their daily "smoke."

Dr. Ayres, on the contrary, argued that in his honest opinion opium was no more harmful than tobacco, spirits, or even beer. He seemed to take especial delight in this statement and repeated it without equivocation year after year in his annual reports, bearing it out with a mass of interesting statistics in support of his theory.

The gist of his thesis was that al-



DR. P. B. C. AYRES

King Drops
Independence
Legislation

Popular Opinion Is
Against Withdrawal
From Philippines

Washington, Mar. 22.
Senator William H. King told the *United Press* today that as a result of the Manila reports indicating that sentiment had changed, he had altered his recent decision to introduce legislation for immediate independence of the Philippines.

He denied that Senator Key Pittman's advocacy of a re-examination of the political status of the Philippines, and Mr. Paul V. McNutt's statement on the same question, had actually affected his decision.

He added: "My only purpose was to satisfy what I thought was the majority sentiment of the Filipino people. Since then I have received such conflicting reports that I decided to abandon the project completely for the time being."

"I know that sometimes Japan looks covetously at the Philippines. This fact appeals to me so strongly that I would not advocate withdrawal from the Philippines at the present, unless I am assured that an overwhelming number of Filipinos desired it."

Senator King's announcement is regarded as a significant indication of the gradually changing United States sentiment regarding the Philippines political status. — *United Press*.

Sultan To Pay
State Visit
To England

London, Mar. 22.
The Sultan of Muscat and Oman left New York to-day for England in the Queen Mary and is due in Southampton on March 28. His Highness will be a guest of His Majesty's Government for a period of a fortnight. He will be received in audience by the King and a programme has been arranged which will enable him to see various aspects of the National Life of Britain, including the daily work of the fighting services. — *British Wireless*.

though opium-smokers usually lost a few pounds in weight after entering prison, they easily and speedily regained the lost poundage, owing to the good food and regimen available in gaol, so that it was unnecessary for any special medical treatment.

DEATH CAUSES FURORE

On one occasion, however, an opium addict died in prison and the Anti-Opium Society made a great deal of fuss over the incident. Dr. Ayres proved equal to the occasion, and with his characteristic assiduity went to a great deal of pains to prove that amongst the hundreds of opium-smokers who were passing through the portals of the gaol during all the years since he had been the medical examiner, this was the first death which could be said to be due to narcotic poisoning. Therefore, he took umbrage at the attitude of his critics and stated bluntly in so many words that the Anti-Opium Society were "kicking up a devil of a rumpus over nothing."

A summary of Dr. Ayres' career in the Colony is that he was an exceptionally conscientious official and an indefatigable worker in the interests of the public welfare. He did much for Hongkong, and being a versatile writer, his annual reports are full of interest. The Colony owes him a debt of gratitude which is perhaps still realised.

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7.45 London Relay—"Songs of the Seasons".
No. 4—Winter; Ten minutes winter-time music with Janet Lind, Bernard Clifton, The Radio Graces, and The Band. Presented by William MacLurg.
7.55 Closing local Stock Quotations.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—"Revival of Some Old Popular Songs" by J.C.M.G. and C.H.A.H. Continued.

8.30 London Relay—"Music-Hall Reminiscences".

The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra; Leader, Leonard Hirsch; Conducted by Clifford Hellivell; Colleen Clifford (Soprano), John Rorke (Baritone); Orchestra: March: "Old Comrades (Teike), Overture, Orpheus" in the Underworld (Offenbach); Colleen Clifford and Orchestra: My Lady Lu (Edwin Brill), Julie Jewel (Harry Dacre), The Honey-suckle and the Bee (William Penn); Orchestra: Selection of Marie Lloyd's Songs (Arr. Le Brun); Colleen Clifford, John Rorke, and Orchestra: Dinah, de Moon am Shinn (Stromberg), Hello, my Baby (The Runaway Girl (Howard and Emerson); Orchestra: Waltz, Toreador (Popplewell Royle); John Rorke and Orchestra: Yer 'at don't fit yer very well (Charles Yorkie); When There Isn't a Girl About (Casting and Collins); We All Go the Same Way Home (Harry Collins); Orchestra: Selection, Veterans of War (Arr. Pether, orch. Bates).

9.30 London Relay—"The News".

9.50 Songs by Millza Korjus (Soprano).

Funiculi-Funicula (Denza, text Zanardini); La Danza (Rossini).

10.0 Viennese Waltzes.
My Darling (The Gipsy Baron—J. Strauss); Berlin State Opera Orchestra conducted by Dr. Lee Blech; Blue Danube (Strauss); Vienna Blood (Strauss)... De Groot & The Piccadilly Orch.

10.15 Variety Numbers.
Vocal—"I'm in the Mood For Love (From Every night at eight); I Wish on the Moon (From The Big Broadcast of 1938)... Lanny Ross with Orch. Accomp.; Piano Solo—Melodies Of The Month, No. R.9... Jay Wilbur with Rhythm Acc.

Humorous—Grub (Crick—Handley—Frankau); Music (Crick—Handley—Frankau)... Muratroyd & Winterbottoms (Two minds with not a single thought) with Monte Crick in the Piano.

10.35 London Relay—"The Lincoln".

A commentary on the Lincolnshire Handicap from Carlholme, Lincoln.

10.50 Dance Music.

Piano Solo—Rosetta—Slow Fox-Trot (Hines-Woodie); Wabash Blues—Quickstep (McKenzie)... Gerry Moore with String Bass & Drums under the supervision of Victor Silvester; Orchestra—I Still Love To Kiss You Goodnight—Fox-Trot (From "2nd Street")... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal chorus.

11.0 Close Down.

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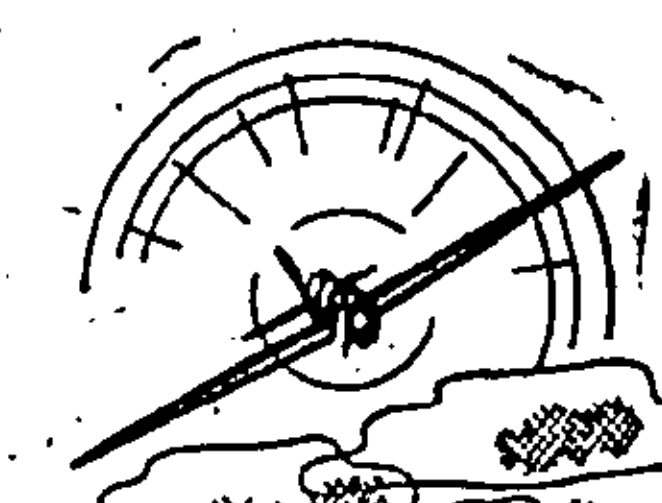
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Sarazen Suggests Circuit Embracing Hongkong

New York, Feb. 15.

Not far from me in this particular night spot was a face that I know. I nodded over to his table and said, "Hello Gene—Long time no see." He replied, "That's right I've been gone about six months—I've been around the world."

Gene Sarazen, U.S. open golfing champion of '22 and '23 and British open champ in '22, had returned from a trip around the world. I asked, "What have you been doing in your travels?" He said, "I've been exploring—golf exploring."

What did he find in his exploration? He found a new paradise for professional golfers in the Orient. "Listen," said Gene, "I just got off the liner Rex. And I'll give you my first impressions of that globe circling trip. The thing that hits me hardest is this—There's a brand new circuit for golf professionals in the Pacific. Golf is sweeping the Pacific. There's a new circuit out there. The golf professionals can sail from San Francisco; go to Honolulu; then to Japan; on to Hongkong, China; next to the Philippines; Singapore, Australia; New Zealand, and the home."

Sarazen, the middle-sized Italian farmer from Brookfield Centre, Conn., looked just about the same as usual in his brownish-gray tweed suit. Except that he seemed a trifle heavier and possessed of more noticeable jowls. Gene is around 30 now and he explained, "I put on quite a bit of weight during my trip. Those long boat rides do it—Nothing to do but eat. Guess I weigh about 170 pounds. Next week I'm going out to Battle Creek, Michigan, and pare down to around 160—So that I can play in the tourneys again."

OLYMPIC TEAM

But what about that Pacific circuit? The dark-haired, round-faced explorer was eager again. "They're nuts about golf in the Orient," he emphasized, "particularly in Japan. They want me to organise an Olympic team of American golfers to compete in the Japanese games in 1940. Japan figures golf should be an Olympic sport. They've got more than 50 big time courses over in Japan. If they put golf on the Olympic schedule, maybe I'll help organise a team. They're playing golf everywhere I went in the Orient, except on the island of Bali. That's the only place I didn't give an exhibition of some sort. They have no course on Bali."

But the rest of the Orient is amazingly interested in the game. And that interest offers new possibilities for American professionals to make annual tours, it provides a new winter circuit.

Had Gene heard of the terrible things that American professionals on the London-California golf trail had been going to old man par? Yes, already he had been informed. And he said it was just as he prophesied before.

"The 14-club rule has made for better golf," he pointed out. When contestants packed 25 or 30 clubs, they spent so many time figuring out which club to use that they couldn't concentrate on the game. With only 14 clubs, they became familiar with those clubs—Just like good friends—And they learned how to use them accurately for various shots. It really helped everyone's game."

SLIP-SHOD ARCHITECTURE

But did Gene figure that the 14-club rule alone was responsible for the recent murderous assaults on par? No, he didn't. He figured that the chickens were just coming home to roost on slip-shod golf course architecture.

"We are about 10 or 15 years behind in course architecture in this country," he said. "The worst fault is on the par-five holes on most

courses, where the greens are much too large. This puts a premium on slugging—regardless of slicing or hooking—so that the long driver makes the green on his second stroke. That's how the long drivers make their birdies. There are about four of those par-five holes on every 18-hole course.

"No, the way those par-five holes are made now do not benefit the duffer. They work against him. The duffer usually isn't the long driver, but he's usually a guy who tries to keep to the centre of the fairway. Decrease the size of those par-five greens, so that the sluggers will have to keep on the fairway to make them—even with their third shot. And we won't have par murdered any more."

Gene and his attractive wife, Mary, went around the world with Albert E. Lasker, an advertising magnate. It was a pleasure trip for the Sarazens, "but of course, I played golf every time I got a chance—or any place they wanted me to give an exhibition."

(Sarazen passed through Hongkong at the end of last year, but did not give any exhibition in the Colony).

Support For 'Open' Tennis Tournaments

Don Budge Would Like To See Pros Play With Amateurs

London.

W. T. Tilden and Donald Budge, the American and Wimbledon champion, both strongly support the introduction of open tournaments for lawn tennis players, in which amateurs and professionals would be able to compete against one another, as in golf.

Tilden, in his day the world's most eminent amateur, and now the best-known professional, said that the decision of the Indian Lawn Tennis Association to press for the legalising of open tournaments was the first definite step in the right direction, but he was afraid that the proposal had little chance of being accepted. The strongest opposition to such a proposal, he said, would come from the English Lawn Tennis Association.

DONALD BUDGE'S PLAN

Budge would like to see an open tournament between the world's four leading amateurs and four leading professionals to take place in New York and the proceeds to be given to the Heart Milk Fund.

His suggested amateur team is: G. von Cramm (Germany), A. K. Quist (Australia), H. W. Austin (Great Britain) and D. Budge (U.S.A.).

The best professional team, he says, would be F. J. Perry (Great Britain), H. F. Vines (U.S.A.), H. Nusslein (Germany) and W. T. Tilden (U.S.A.).

(The proposal to hold open tennis tournaments for amateurs and professionals was rejected at the meeting of the International Federation last week).



On his return to New York from a round-the-world tour, during which he visited Hongkong, Gene Sarazen, above, suggested a Pacific circuit for American professional golfers. According to him the Orient is "nuts about golf." The circuit which he suggests is San Francisco, Honolulu, Japan, Hongkong, Philippines, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and home.

League Football Game Cancelled

The football match in the First Division of the League arranged between the Club and Kowloon for this afternoon has been cancelled by the Association. The game will now be played on Saturday on the Club ground.

TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Wins For Wah Yan And Confucian

Wah Yan College beat Sai Nam College by four games to one and the Confucian Society defeated Wah Yee College by five games to all in the Men's Table Tennis League last evening.

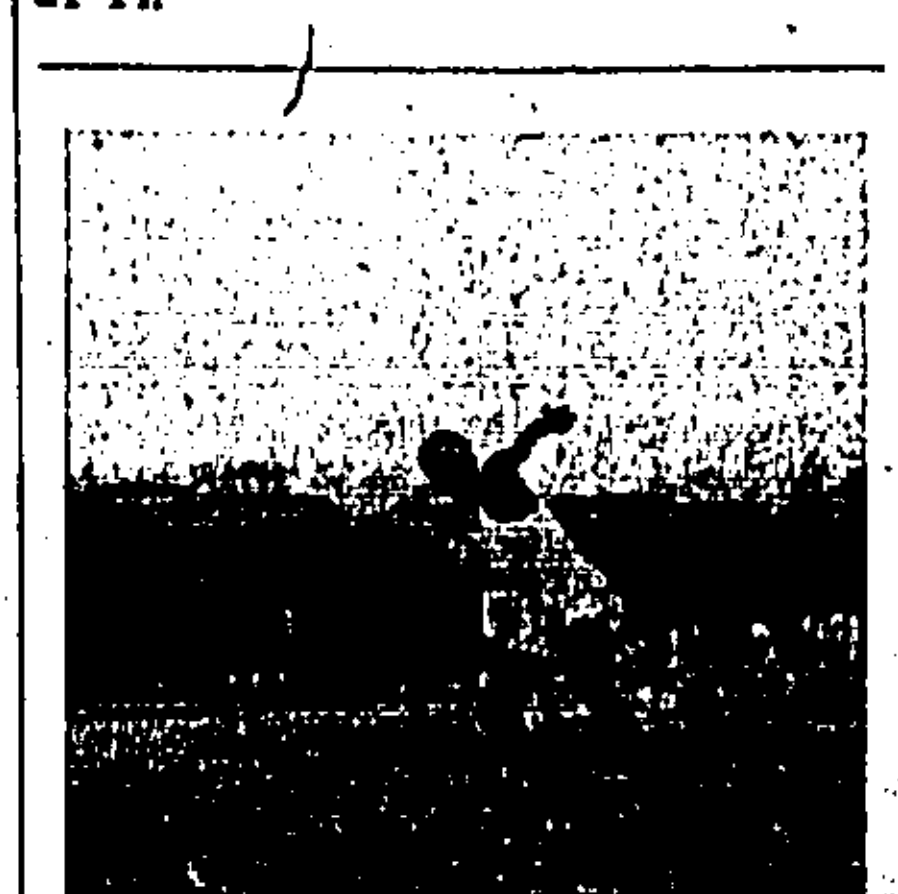
WAH YAN v. SAI NAM
Cheng Wing-lat (Wah Yan) beat Lok Ping-yu 2-1.
Ip Sik-ming (Wah Yan) beat Sin Po-kan 2-0.
Ng Pui-to (Wah Yan) beat Leung Wing-cheong 2-0.
Ma Yin-wah (Wah Yan) beat Yik Chee-woon 2-0.
Hui Sui-chung (Wah Yan) lost to Yue Yok-lai 0-2.
CONFUCIAN v. WAY YEE
Sui Shui-nang (Confucian) beat Cheng Sue-kwang 2-0.
Cheng Pui (Confucian) beat Mo Man-kin 2-0.
Poon Sai-fong (Confucian) beat Li Ka-hung 2-0.
Sui Shui-kow (Confucian) beat Li Chang-kwong 2-0.
Lau Kwok-chu (Confucian) beat Ho Shui-ping 2-0.

ENGINEERS BEAT AIR FORCE

In an interesting friendly table tennis match played at the Cheero Club last night, the Royal Engineers defeated the Royal Air Force by six games to three.

Full results were as follows:—
Land (R.E.) beat Harris 21-12; 21-14.
Gill (R.E.) beat Hillier 21-10; 21-15.
Keefe (R.E.) beat Nicholas 21-12; 21-10.
Pharaoh (R.A.F.) beat Bateman 22-21; 21-10.
Sowerbutts (R.A.F.) beat Howlan 21-17; 20-24.
Muffin 21-7; 21-7.

Hillier and Pharaoh (R.A.F.) beat Land and Gill 21-12; 21-14; 21-10; 21-10.
Bateman and Keefe (R.E.) beat Harris and Nicholas 21-7; 21-19; 21-13; Muffin and Howlan (R.E.) beat Moffat and Sowerbutts 21-16; 21-14.



Action picture of Naranjan Singh, who won the senior shot-put at the Queen's College sports last Saturday. (Photo: Ng Sui-ching)

GRAND NATIONAL PROSPECTS

No Outstanding Horse In Race

London, March 22.

There is no really outstanding horse in this year's Grand National Steeplechase which will be run at Aintree on Friday, March 25.

The firm state of the going may give the faster and younger horses better chances. The conditions should result in a larger number of horses completing the race and unusually fast going.

Mr. Herbert Myth, trainer of one of the younger runners, the seven-year-old Blue Shirt, fully expects his stayer to win. Indeed at weights, he seems an excellent bet, but French supporters think that Takvor Pacha will repeat Luther's success of 1909 and be the first six-year-old to win since Allyslope in 1915.

A large contingent of prominent all-Irish runners give rise to the hope of the first all-Irish victory since Troy Town in 1920.

Delachance and Rockquilla are considered to have excellent chances, while other fancied horses are Dominick Cross, Froisher, Rough Cottage and Red Knight.—*Reuter Special.*

Attractive Badminton Promised

Wong And Hui In Men's Singles Final To-day

P. H. Wong (holder) will meet P. K. Hui, of the University, on the Taikoo court to-night in the final of the men's singles badminton championship.

With both men playing in such fine form, a splendid game is assured.

Wong Indisposed

It is announced that P. H. Wong is indisposed, and his match against P. K. Hui in the singles final at Taikoo this evening has been postponed. The ladies' programme, however, is not affected.

Each has played only two matches to enter the final. Their records to date are as follows:—

WONG
Beat S. W. Cheung 15-4, 15-4.
Beat S. Y. Hon 15-8, 15-5.
HUI
Beat F. Tsang 15-1, 15-5.
Beat C. Au 15-15, 15-13, 15-5.

It will thus be seen that Hui has had the harder task in reaching the final. Up against Au, one of the best players in the Colony, Hui looked all but beaten in the semi-finals. He fought back splendidly, however, and pulled the game out of the fire, proving that Wong this evening will have an opponent who will contest the issue right to the end.

LADIES' PROGRAMME
A ladies' knock-out programme will be an added attraction: this evening. The entries and draw are as follows:
Miss M. Silva and Miss O. Ribeiro

GOLF

CAMBRIDGE LEADING OXFORD

At Conclusion Of Foursomes

London, Mar. 22.

At the end of the foursomes to-day, Cambridge University led by three matches to two in the fifty-fifth Inter-Varsity golf match against Oxford University, played on the Royal North Devon's links at Westward Ho!

All but one of the matches were one-sided, the closest being that in which Langley and Goodban (Cambridge) defeated Physick and Bond by one up.

The matches were over 36 holes.

SCORES:
E. B. Scott and J. C. Lawrie (Oxford) beat G. G. D. Carter (Cambridge) 10 and 9.

J. D. A. Langley and J. W. D. Goodban (Cambridge) beat F. D. Physick and R. N. Bond (Oxford) one up.

R. O. Booth and W. S. I. Whitelaw (Cambridge) beat F. G. Foster and T. C. Harvey (Oxford) 7 and 6.

C. B. Walker and S. Pether (Oxford) beat S. G. Dalley and T. R. MacGregor (Cambridge) 5 and 3.

R. B. How and G. N. Casson (Cambridge) beat R. G. M. Kimpton and D. H. Garrow (Oxford) 6 and 5.

The singles will be played to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

A PAINTED HORSE-SHOE FOR LUCK

Helped Braddock In Recent Fight

Discussing the fight between the 32-year-old Jimmy Braddock, former heavyweight champion of the world, and Tommy Farr, the Welshman who holds the British and Empire heavyweight titles, the American news-magazine Time had this to say:

Whether seasoned Jim Braddock had deliberately conserved himself during the early rounds, saving his energy and his aging legs for a smash-bang wind-up, or whether he had been momentarily rejuvenated by a desperate will-to-win, aided and abetted by the exhilarating encouragement from the galleries, no two fans seemed to agree. But in his dressing-room after the fight, Jim Braddock probably had the answer: a rabbit's-foot charm and a painted horse-shoe. To his merry-mill admirers he explained that the horse-shoe had been presented to him just before the fight by John F. ("Jaise") Condon, onetime intermediary in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, who had received it from onetime world champion Bob Fitzsimmons, who had fashioned it with his own hands in 1890. "And," added Braddock, "it's been lucky ever since."

Braddock entered the ring on a 6-to-5 under dog but won the ten-round bout on points.

The film of the fight is being shown at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

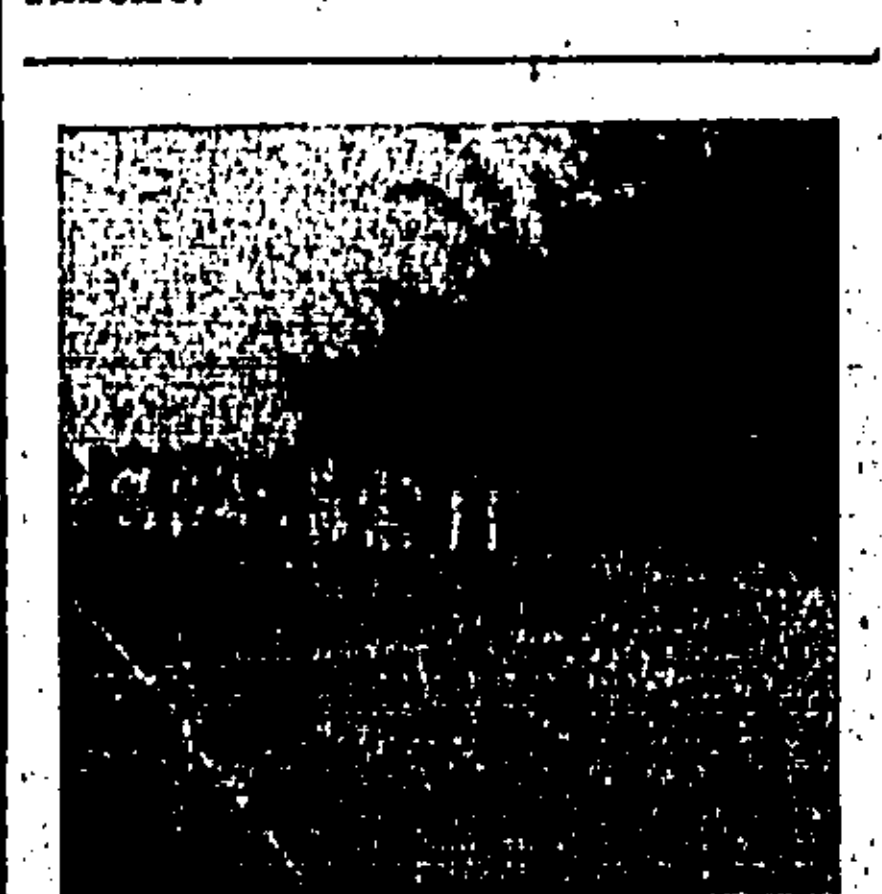
FORMER GOLF CHAMPION TO GET MARRIED

Miss Helen Hicks, the former United States women's golf champion, is to be married to Mr. Whitney Harb, of Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mr. Harb, who is in the motor-car business, is a well-known amateur golfer in Arkansas.

Miss Hicks, now a professional is employed by a sporting goods concern. At one time or another, she has held virtually every major women's title in America and now holds the Western Open Championship. She expects to defend this title next June in Denver, Colorado.—*Reuter.*

v. Miss W. Cheung and Miss U. Khoo; Miss A. Remedios and Mrs. M. V. Vagstad v. Miss N. Eardley and Miss B. Pollock; Miss B. Summers and Mrs. S. W. Clark v. Miss M. Frazer and Miss I. Cunningham; Miss S. Remedios and Mrs. N. Castro v. Miss M. Xavier and Miss M. Ribeiro.



Invitation relay race in progress at the Queen's College sports. The event was won by Le Salle College. (Photo: Ng Sui-ching)

CAN AUSTRALIA WIN THE DAVIS CUP?

They Have An Excellent Chance This Year

A writer in the *Sunday Referee* believes that Australia has good prospects of victory in the 1938 Davis Cup competition, despite the many handicaps facing touring sides which have to travel long distances in search of the Cup.

He bases his conclusions on the fact that Australian teams invariably do better in the season following visits of overseas teams to the Commonwealth.

The Davis Cup went in 1937 to a truly worthy holder in America, after an absence of many years. But, says the writer, it is unquestionably due to the brilliancy of one man, Donald Budge.

As Perry was for England so also is Budge for America, a great champion. While Budge remains an amateur I feel sure the Davis Cup will remain with America.

However, in these days, challenges for the Cup are not the only danger to the nation holding it. Another danger—perhaps a more potent of the two—is the lure of professionalism.

It is therefore conceivable that America will have a very big obstacle to overcome to maintain the present outstanding prospects for success in 1938.

Much has been written about (1) Australia's 1937 defeat by America; (2) what Australia's future prospects are; (3) what is being done about Australia's young potential Davis Cup representatives.

POSITION "NOT SO BAD"

A survey of the various matches, and a glance at the scores, suggest an absolute debacle. Perhaps when one reconsiders the whole position, it is not so bad after all.

I always reckoned the match against America as the virtual final round—the winners would wrest the Cup from England in the challenge round. This, of course, is what actually happened, so really Australia's defeat, although overwhelming, is not quite so distasteful as it might seem.

Then again only our second team took the court against the brilliant Americans, and even these players—the inexperienced Bromwich with Crawford—could not have been at their best, particularly in the atmosphere of uncertainty with regard to their health which pervaded the minds of all the team immediately preceding the match.

They must have been dejected and upset at the bad luck which had befallen them, after such a serious preparation over many weeks.

I am not suggesting that this was the reason for the success of the Americans. They played magnificently and doubtless would have accounted for our best team, yet not so convincingly.

"MOST UNFORTUNATE"

The Australians are most unfortunate in having to travel so far and so often in their quest for the Davis Cup. This has a very upsetting effect on touring teams. The different climates, people, food, surfaces, of tennis courts, types of balls, methods of stringing rackets, light, etc., all tend to make it difficult for the members of a touring team to produce their best form.

One has to experience the upsetting influence of the different conditions to understand fully how difficult it is to produce the same brand of tennis while on tour as one does in one's own country.

To illustrate the point further, I

would refer to the visit of Menzel, Maier, De Stefani, Kirby, Brugnon and Boussus.

All these were brought to Australia, to compete in the Victorian Centenary championships, and played in the various States of Australia. They were all outstanding players, widely travelled and experienced, who had many outstanding performances. The writer played with and against many of them, and was closely associated with them off the court.

Continually they were lamenting inability to strike their best form. They repeatedly drew attention to the difficulties encountered with regard to light, court surfaces, makes of ball, method of racket stringing, etc.

Not at any time was any of them satisfied with his display. It was almost impossible after seeing them in action against Crawford, McGrath, Quist, etc., to imagine they could ever offer serious opposition to our best players. Their form was too bad to be true, having in mind their performances overseas, and particularly victories over our own men. I therefore affirm that the ever-changing conditions which confront touring players are a severe handicap.

HOW AMERICANS DID IT

Many critics have said that Australia does not prepare and encourage her younger players. Quist seems to be the only one who has escaped criticism. Maybe it was lucky for him in this regard that he was ill.

Did America get panicky when we beat them in 1937? No sir. They just set about a methodical re-arrangement with regard to their outstanding players and the 1937 series show the result, and this is what has been done in Australia.

Unquestionably McGrath, Quist, and Bromwich have proved their worth. It seems that an intensive coaching scheme should be arranged for these players—they have the ability. They are all young. They now have experience, and that which is lacking with regard to faulty stroke making would soon be rectified.

The 1937-38 visit of the Germans and the Americans will do much to help these lads along. The visitors will have varying conditions to cope with, and will find our players very much more difficult to defeat under their home conditions.

I feel sure that von Cramm and Henkel are going to find it most difficult to defeat Quist, McGrath and Bromwich—Budge alone may prove outstanding. His team mates will find the same difficulty as the Germans.

Our 1938 Cup team will be more confident and capable, and much more difficult to defeat, after these international visits. Jack Crawford always showed outstanding form in tours abroad immediately following the visit of international champions to Australia. This is what I confidently expect to happen this year with Quist, McGrath and Bromwich.

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Wreckage Of Missing Plane Discovered?

London, Mar. 22. The Air Ministry issued a statement to-day saying that the numbers on part of the wreckage of an aeroplane found near Karmo, in Norway, identify the machine as being a Wellesley type.

As the only plane of this type missing is the long-range plane, which has been lost since February 24, the wreckage probably belongs to that plane.

The plane referred to is a Vickers-Wellesley, which set out to practice for a world record long-distance flight. The occupants of the machine were Flight Lieut. F. S. Gardner, Flying Officer G. A. D. Thomson, and Sergeant George Hicks.—*Reuter*.

MAIL ROBBERING DEVICE DISCOVERED

While posting letters in a letter-box at the Kowloon Post Office yesterday, Sergeant J. F. Scott, of the police, discovered that something had been deposited inside the box. It was discovered to be a device used in extracting letters out of the box. On making an inspection, Mr. D. Fitches, postal inspector, discovered that several letters were adhering to the side of the box. These apparently had not been pushed sufficiently far inside the box.

KEPT OPIUM DIVAN

Tsang Tai, 37, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with the possession of 1½ taels of prepared opium at Stanley, and with keeping a flat as an opium divan. He was fined \$75 or six weeks' hard labour on each charge, terms to run consecutively.

94 Vienna Suicides In Nine Days

Vienna, Mar. 22. Suicides for "political reasons", between March 12 and March 21, totalled 94, according to an official statement, which adds that there were 120 attempted suicides in the same period.—*Reuter*.

CAREER OF BURGLARY INTERRUPTED

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour, together with a recommendation for banishment was passed on Ho Wing, 26, unemployed, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he was convicted on three counts of burglary and one of attempted burglary.

Detective Sergeant H. J. Baldwin said Ho had been arrested on the roof of a boarding school in Nathan Road, early on the morning of March 16, boring a hole in a trap-door. Enquiries revealed that he had committed two other burglaries this month, stealing a suit of clothing and two long coats, and another in January, when he got away with \$350 in money and property.

CAT BURGLAR CAUGHT

A total sentence of twelve weeks' hard labour was passed on Mak Tung, 31, at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he pleaded guilty to two charges of theft of clothing. Inspector A. Kirby said Mak climbed up a drain-pipe between the two houses and took the clothing from the verandahs.

Wiolds Chopper In Attack

A father and son, Law Kam-yam and Law Yuk, were attacked by a clansman with a chopper at an unnumbered hut on a hill behind Nam On Lane, Shaokwan, yesterday evening.

It is understood that Law Sun, the clansman, was the occupant of the hut, the father and son went to see him about a debt which the father had incurred about ten years ago. An argument ensued when details of the loan were brought up, and it was alleged that Sun took up a chopper and attacked the two visitors, causing injuries to their arms, faces and heads.

The assailant ran down the hill toward the Fung Keong Rubber Factory, followed by a crowd. It so happened that a European traffic sergeant came on the scene and had the attacker taken into custody.

ANCHORED IN CABLE AREA

At the Marine Court this morning, Capt. E. Godinez, master of the M/V Cormoran, a 52-ton vessel, appeared before Mr. T. W. H. Hoagwood, Assistant Harbour Master, charged with anchoring within the cable limits at Tai Kok Tsui on March 17.

Defendant admitted the charge, but said that he did not know he was in the cable area at the time owing to the heavy fog.

Remarking that he would have to be more careful in future, defendant was cautioned and discharged. Lance Sergeant Wheeler prosecuted.

MOTOR CAR TAKEN

Mr. Lo Yue-hing, of Salyeungchoi Street, Mongkok, reported the disappearance of his motor car, No. 3134, from Saigon Street, near the Majestic Theatre, yesterday.

RAJAH OF SARAWAK HOLIDAYS

His Highness the Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, has gone on leave to England.

His Chief Secretary, Mr. Edward Parnell, issued the following proclamation, just received, on March 19:

"Whereas We are about to leave the State to-day, and whereas We shall be absent from the State for a period of about seven months:

"Now, therefore, Know Ye All Men whom it may concern that We hereby appoint Edward Parnell, Chief Secretary, to administer the Government of the State during Our absence, and We enjoin that all respect and obedience be paid to the said Edward Parnell in this position. C. V. BROOKE, Rajah.

KING GEORGE SEES HERBERT HOOVER

London, Mar. 22. Mr. Herbert Hoover, ex-president of the United States, who is on a visit to England, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace this morning. Mr. Hoover remained with the King about half an hour. Another visitor received by His Majesty was Mr. C. M. P. Palaret, British Minister in Vienna, recently returned from Austria.—*British Wireless*.

SOVIET HONOURS HER POLAR SCIENTISTS

Moscow, Mar. 23. High Soviet titles have been conferred on the four Polar scientists, Papanin, Krenkel, Hirsshov and Fedorov, who have each been awarded a money prize of 30,000 roubles.—*Reuter*.

FRENCH CABINET BORROWS HEAVILY

Paris, Mar. 22. The French Cabinet to-day approved of two finance bills under which the Bank of France advances £50,000,000, the Treasury receiving £31,000,000. It is believed the remainder will be allocated to the recently established autonomous defence funds.

The bills are only temporary measures, and the Government is preparing others of a wider scope.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Irish Sweep Draw Nears Conclusion

Dublin, Mar. 22.

The drawing of 50 cash prizes of £230 8s. each, started to-day's proceedings in the Irish Sweepstakes draw in Dublin, after which 1,000 prizes of £100 were drawn throughout the day.—*International Press Bureau*.

Jew Killed In Arab Raid

Haifa, Mar. 22.

Jewish settlers in an isolated district near Nabulus were attacked by a large body of armed Arabs to-day. One Jew was killed and another wounded.

The settlers drove off the raiders after an exchange of fire, in which a number of Arabs, it is reported, were injured.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

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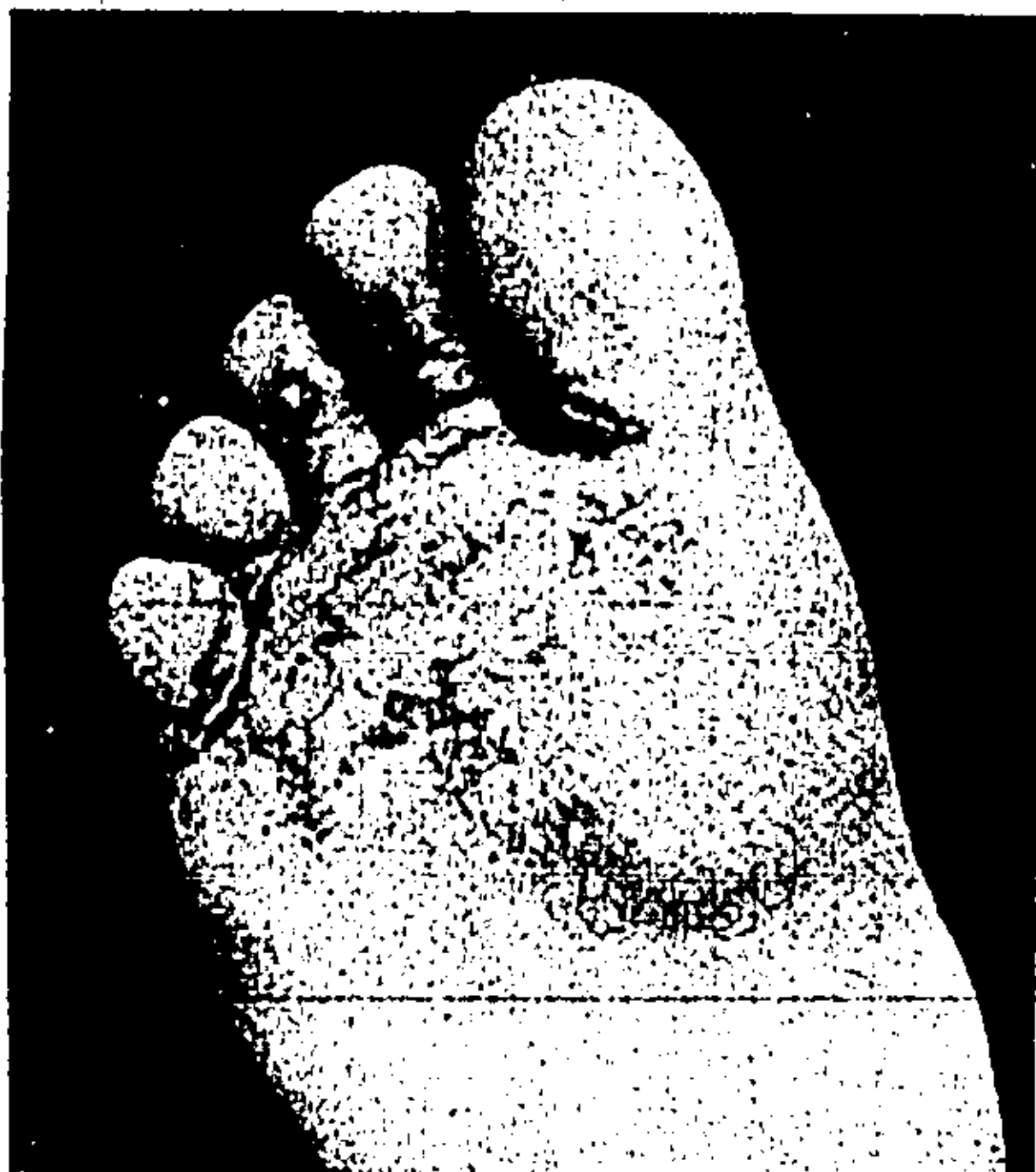
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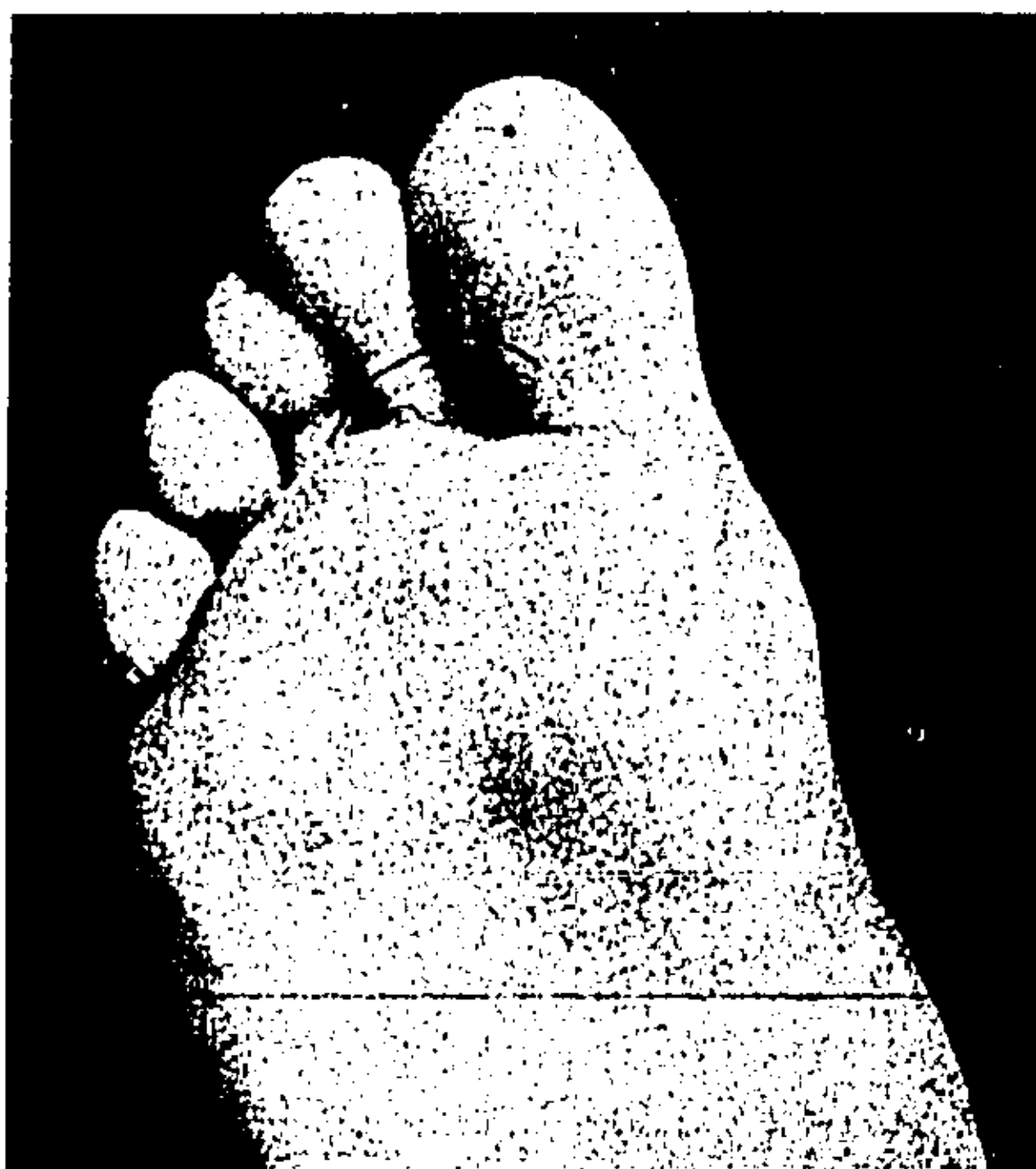
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Usually the disease starts between the toes. Little watery blisters form and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch off all the skin.

Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the foot. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

It has been said that this disease originated in the trenches, so some people call it Trench Foot. Whatever name you give it, however, the thing to do is to get rid of it as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crotch of legs.

Most people who have Athlete's Foot have tried all kinds of remedies to cure it without success. Ordinary germicides, antiseptics, or ointments seldom do any good.

The germ that causes the disease is known as *Tinea Trichophyton*. It buries itself deep in the tissues of the skin and is very hard to kill. A test made shows that it takes 15 minutes of boiling to kill the germ, so you can see why the ordinary remedies are unsuccessful.

H. F. was developed solely for the purpose of treating Athlete's Foot. It is a liquid that penetrates and dries

quickly. You just paint the affected parts. It peels off the infected skin and works its way deep into the tissue of the skin where the germ breeds.

As soon as you apply H. F. you will find that the itching is immediately relieved. You should paint the infected parts with H. F. night and morning until your feet are well. Usually this takes from three to ten days, although in severe cases it may take longer or in mild cases less time.

H. F. will leave the skin soft and smooth. You will marvel at the quick way it brings you relief, especially if you are one of those who have tried for years to get rid of Athlete's Foot without success.

Copy of Report of Drs. Couret and Hauser after they had submitted H. F. to a thorough examination.

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SMALLPOX CONTINUES TO WANE

A further substantial decline in smallpox was recorded yesterday, when 24 cases were notified, as against an average of 34 for each day last week. Indications are that the epidemic, which has so far claimed 1,100 lives, is now definitely on the wane.

Sixteen of yesterday's cases were reported from the residential areas of the city of Victoria, five from Kowloon, one from Shaikwan and one from Aberdeen.

Yesterday was particularly free of all notifiable diseases, the only other cases reported to the health authorities being two of measles in Victoria and one of meningitis in Kowloon. The only notifiable diseases reported from the New Territories in the past fortnight have been three cases of meningitis.

Health returns for last week disclose that 192 of the 230 cases of smallpox reported proved fatal; 134 cases were reported from Victoria, 84 from Kowloon, five from Shaikwan, two from Aberdeen and one from the New Territories.

There were seven cases of diphtheria, one proving fatal. Two of the cases were reported from Victoria and the remainder from Kowloon.

One of the nine cases of typhoid reported last week was fatal. Four cases were reported from Victoria, three from Kowloon, and two from Aberdeen.

There were seven deaths from meningitis out of 22 cases reported, twelve cases occurring in Victoria, seven in Kowloon, one in Shaikwan and two in the New Territories.

One case of puerperal fever each from Victoria and Shaikwan were fatal.

Fourteen cases of measles (six in Victoria and 8 in Kowloon) were non-fatal, as were nine cases of chickenpox.

There were 79 tuberculosis deaths during the week, this being the lowest weekly total since the beginning of the year. Total tuberculosis deaths since January 1 are 1,015.

SPRING WEATHER MAY VANISH

Hongkong's spell of spring weather may be short-lived. North-easterly winds within the next forty-eight hours may bring drizzle or light rain and local fog. Humidity at 10 o'clock this morning had climbed to 94 per cent., combining with increased temperature to make conditions unpleasant for town dwellers.

Yesterday's maximum temperature of 76 degrees is the highest recorded since the heat wave early in the month.

A further eleven points of rain recorded during the 24 hours ending 10 a.m. brought the total since January 1 to 0.24 inches, compared with the average for the same period of 4.79 inches.

TRICK TRIED ONCE TOO OFTEN

Attempting to use the same trick twice, Wong Siu-chung, 22, unemployed, was caught and handed over to the police yesterday, and charged this morning before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with having with intent to defraud obtained \$6 from Wong Siu-hang at the Chung Wah College. He pretended he was the son of one Pang Lok-san.

Detective-Sergeant D. Davies said that on March 17 defendant went to the college and told the complainant that he was the son of Pang Lok-san, a friend of complainant.

He said he had come from Fanning to say farewell to his elder sister who was sailing for Honolulu, and asked for a loan of \$6. Complainant gave him the money. Later he found out that defendant was not the son of his friend.

Yesterday defendant went to Wah Yan College and looked for Sung Kan-ching, said he was a cousin of his from Jamaica and said something about a loan. Sung who knew of the incident at the Chung Wah college, left the room and informed the police.

Defendant pleaded guilty and gave a long account of his hardship and asked his Worship to deal with him leniently.

A remand of 24 hours was ordered to ascertain whether defendant could repay complainant.

SMALL EARTHQUAKE RECORDED

Berkeley, Calif., Mar. 22. The seismograph recorded a moderate earthquake at 7.28 a.m. some 1,200 miles north-west of the Queen Charlotte Islands.—United Press.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station.—Sarpidon, Tjibadak, Hangsang, Taiwan, Sphink, President Jefferson, Empress of Japan, Terukuni Maru, Trocas, Scharnhorst and Katori Maru.

REFUGEES' ASYLUM IN BRITAIN LIMITED

Door Not Open To All Emigrants

Dominions To Be Consulted

London, Mar. 22.

The plight of Austrian refugees being refused admittance to Britain at the ports, was the subject of a statement by the Home Secretary, Sir Samuel Hoare, in the House of Commons to-day. He said that while doubtless there was a general desire to maintain the traditional policy in Britain of offering an asylum to persons who, for political, racial and religious reasons had to leave their own country, there were on the other hand, obvious objections to any policy which would aggravate unemployment, housing and other social problems.

While it was, therefore, proposed to pursue a policy of offering an asylum as far as was practicable, it was essential to avoid creating the impression that the door was open to all kinds of immigration. He did not think any ground existed for altering the naturalisation law.

"Anyhow," he added, "no alteration to the naturalisation law could be made without consultations with the Dominions. The provisions of the law relating to British nationality operate not only in the United Kingdom, but the colonies and dominions, and it is a settled policy that no substantial changes shall be made in the naturalisation laws except in agreement with the self-governing dominions."

SYMPATHY ASSURED

Sympathetic consideration would be generally given in respect to applications to stay in Britain beyond the limited period already granted.

A number of questions followed this announcement to which Sir Samuel Hoare replied. He said whether a particular individual might practice a profession here was a question that the Government was prepared to give sympathetic consideration to all individual cases irrespective of means, whose work in the world of science, arts, business and industry, might prove advantageous to Britain.

SPECIAL MACHINERY

Mr. G. le M. Mander (Lib) asked if special machinery would be set up to help guide people in regard to

Workers Of Mexico Back Cardenas' Coup

Oil Companies Seek Diplomatic Aid To Save Properties

Mexico City, Mar. 22.

It is announced that workers throughout the nation will stop work for several hours to-morrow to demonstrate their support of President Cardenas' expropriation of the foreign-owned oil industry.

In view of the stoppage of the electric power service, newspapers have arranged to publish early.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the American Smelting and Refining Company is near to finding a solution to the difficulties of its 16,000 employees.—United Press.

DENIAL OF JUSTICE

Houston, Mar. 22.

Six petroleum companies, including the Standard Vacuum, the California, Mexican, Sinclair and Penn-mex have filed a brief with the State Department requesting diplomatic action in Mexico. The text of the brief is not revealed.

State Department officials said the Department supported the brief. The Mexican claim is a manifest denial of justice.

The State Department also revealed that the telegraphed reports that American oil workers were being held as hostages were erroneous.—United Press.

ASK ASSISTANCE

Washington, Mar. 22.

Alleging that a "manifest denial of justice" had occurred, four American oil companies have filed a brief with United States State Department with regard to their Mexican claims, and with the request that the State Department take direct diplomatic action to help them settle their differences with the Mexican Government.—Reuter.

their chances of going to England.

Sir Samuel said he thought some further organisation would be necessary, and he also undertook to take account of the suggestion by Mr. Thomas Edmund Harvey to communicate with the dominions on these cases. He said he would look into the matter of accepting a guarantee from Britons prepared to offer homes to the refugees.

The House subsequently refused, by 210 votes to 142, to give leave to Col. J. C. Wedgwood (Lab) to introduce a Bill going beyond Sir Samuel's statement with regard to the immigration and naturalisation of Austrian refugees.—Reuter.

POLICE CONFISCATING PRIVATE ARMS

Vienna, Mar. 22.

The police have ordered the surrender of all arms and ammunition by March 25, after which possessors of firearms and ammunition will be severely punished.—Reuter Bulletin.

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and
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